

## ULL IN BRITISH ELECTION FIGHT

POLITICIANS RESTING UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS

Lloyd George and Churchill Are, However, Conducting Active Campaign.

London, Dec. 15.—The lull in the political crisis is due chiefly to sheer exhaustion of the leading combatants on both sides after the prolonged session. In some cases Radical and Unionist fighters are agreeing upon a truce until after Christmas. Mr. Balfour has gone to his Scottish seat to rest and play golf until after Christmas, but Messrs. Lloyd George and Churchill continue fighting all they know.

It is regarded as significant that one of the few places where Mr. Balfour will speak before the election is in support of the candidature in the Shipley division of Yorkshire, of Professor Helms, secretary of Right Hon. J. Chamberlain's tariff commission and supporter of his policy of moderate duties with a preference.

The Daily Mail campaign against Germany on the strength of the investigations of the Socialist leader, Blatchford, is being used to convince the British electorate of the wisdom of trusting the destinies of the Empire to men who desire to reduce armaments.

Mr. Blatchford's article yesterday ended thus: "To some of us there is sufficient cause for anxiety as regards German intentions in the facts within our own knowledge. Ministers and ex-ministers of the King must in the nature of things possess knowledge which we lack. They are anxious, they warn the country of impending dangers. Are we to believe they are mistaken, or is it reasonable to assume that the King's political, naval and military advisers are better informed than labor members and Mr. Winston Churchill?"

Ex-Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Lyttelton, ex-colonial secretary, speaking at Slough Monday, said: "Even Socialists admit the peril, as can be seen from the incisive and vigorous article of Mr. Blatchford. If it be true—and many of the most weighty and least alarmist men of the country believe it to be true—that during the next ten years we are going to pass through a time in which it might be the case that our supremacy at sea was going to be gravely menaced, if not actually attacked, then surely, quite apart from sentiment, as a matter of security and defence, we ought to buttress up this little state of ours with the rising strength of the young nations which sprang from us (cheers), and without whose assistance this country must inevitably, in course of time, sink from the proud position in which she now stands."

Scores Chancellor.

Introducing the Duke of Norfolk to a somewhat turbulent meeting at Taunton Dr. MacDonald, the chairman, pointed the Unionist moral of these disclosures. He said: "While the Duke who is to speak to us was fighting for his country in South Africa, Lloyd George was disgracing the politician's uniform and running away from a Birmingham audience which he had raised to fury by deliberately maligning his own countrymen."

Radical View.

Radical hopes continue to run strongly. Monday night a high ministerial authority interviewed in this connection, replied as follows: "I am persuaded we shall win, and that Mr. Asquith, when called upon by the King to form a government will reply: 'Neither I nor any colleague of mine can accept your majesty's commission unless we receive the definite assurance that the Lords will forego their power of veto in all Commons legislation, not merely finances. The Lords may delay any bill for consideration,

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## MAYOR EVANS RE-ELECTED IN PRAIRIE CAPITAL

Four Sitting Controllers Are Also Again Returned.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—In the civic election yesterday only 2,500 votes were cast out of over 38,000 on the list. Mayor Evans was re-elected by over 2,000, one opponent receiving 200 and the other less than 100 votes.

The four sitting controllers, Messrs. Cockburn, Waugh, McArthur and Harvey, were re-elected. Two other candidates, A. W. Putten and Thos. Wilson, also ran.

The aldermanic contests resulted as follows: Ward 1, Ald. Adams, acclamation; Ward 2, Ald. Fowler, acclamation; Ward 3, J. J. Wallace; Ward 4, Ald. Douglas, acclamation; Ward 5, Ald. Willoughby; Ward 6, R. J. Shore; Ward 7, Ald. Midwinter.

The sitting school trustees were all re-elected.

DIES SUDDENLY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Former Congressman Phillip B. Thompson, Jr., of Kentucky, who was stricken on the street last night with a hemorrhage of the stomach, died at the emergency hospital this morning. He was 64 years of age.

## CIVIC FIGHT WARMING UP

MUCH INTEREST IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Believed That Fourth Mayor-Candidate Will Enter Field Soon.

With only a month to elapse until polling day, interest in the municipal elections is growing, and there is much speculation as to the outcome of what everyone agreed will prove one of the most interesting contests in the history of Victoria. Aside from the large ticket in the field seeking the office of mayor, there are elements in the situation this year calculated to arouse a greater amount of interest than usual. For months past there has been a great demand for reforms in respect to the civic administration, and thus the public is eagerly awaiting developments which promise a new order of things.

Though the campaign will hardly assume its most lively pace until after the holidays, already public meetings have been held and the issues defined. It is likely that the questions which will chiefly engage the attention of the electorate will be those respecting a better water supply, better streets and better departmental services.

Three candidates for mayor are already in the field—W. E. Oliver, Ald. J. H. Turner and Ald. Henderson—and dark horses who may yet enter the contest, the names of R. L. Drury and A. J. Morley are mentioned. Though the latter has declined to give a flat denial to the rumors that he will run this year for the office of mayor, it is very generally believed that nomination day will find him in the field. In that event it is not believed that Mr. Drury would also be a candidate.

Mr. Oliver is putting up a splendid fight and is rapidly adding to his list of supporters, because of the frank and candid fashion in which he states his position on the questions engaging the attention of the electorate. He has already addressed meetings in the city and at Spring Ridge, and will this evening speak to the ratepayers of James Bay district, at a meeting to be held in the South Park school. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock, and a cordial invitation is extended to all voters in the district to be present.

Ald. Turner, though he has not yet called any public meetings, is nevertheless waging a very aggressive and effective campaign. He is supported by a splendid organization, the members of which express the greatest confidence that he will be elected by a good majority. Ald. Turner has summoned a meeting of his general committee for this evening at 614 Fort street.

Ald. Henderson is in depending for success upon a quiet, persistent canvass. His friends regard him as a certain winner, pointing to his long record in the services of the city in justification for their optimism. Ald. Henderson has issued a card to the electors, in which he says:

"After having served as alderman for three years I now respectfully solicit your vote and influence for the important position and promise to do my utmost for the progress and betterment of our city. My views have already been published and will be more fully explained from the platform. My principal objects are: The securing of Sooke as a water supply. The introduction of more efficient management of the public works department. The stricter guarding of public morals. A systematic improvement in making and beautifying our streets and parks."

A majority of the members of the aldermanic board as at present constituted will, it is believed, seek re-election. Mayor Hall, it is known, will retire to private life, and Ald. Stewart makes a statement of similar intention. Of those whose names have been mentioned as possible candidates for seats at the aldermanic board there are A. G. Sargison, E. F. Geiger, George Jones, Herbert Cuthbert, W. G. Winterburn and James Haste. The game is young yet, however, and doubtless there will be a considerable number of others in the field shortly.

The Voters' League is playing a prominent part in the campaign, and it is understood that each of the mayoralty and aldermanic candidates will be presented with a list of questions propounded by the league, with the request that the same be answered before election day.

REDUCE WAGES.

Anacortes, Wash., Dec. 15.—Local shingle mill owners have declared for the open shop and a 5 per cent. reduction in the present wage scale. All Anacortes shingle mills are in the movement. The 10 per cent. reduction puts wages back to the scale formulated by the shingle weavers' international convention in 1907.

Officers of the local union say the men will not stand for the cut.

The mill owners have formed a local association and they say they are determined to fight the matter to a finish if necessary.

JOINS TRADE UNION.

Miss Annie Morgan, daughter of Financier Member of Woman's League.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Miss Annie Morgan, daughter of the financier, has joined the Woman's Trade Union League, to which the striking shirtwaist hands belong.



WHAT JOHN BULL WILL HAVE IN HIS STOCKING.

The Aged Party—"Christmas isn't what it used to be when I was young."

## SEARCH FOR STORM VICTIMS

### NUMBER OF VESSELS PATROL LAKE ERIE

No Trace of Missing Members of Crew and Passengers of Car Ferry.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 15.—With the further abatement to-day of the storm that has menaced traffic on Lake Erie during the past week or so, renewed efforts were made to recover, if possible, the bodies of victims of car ferry Marquette and Bessemer No. 2, which were believed to be still adrift somewhere on Lake Erie.

The car ferry, which is supposed to have foundered in the middle of the lake a week ago yesterday during the heavy storm, carried 38 persons on board, and nothing has been heard from more than a score of these. The Commodore Perry, which has led in the search of the persons who left here on board the ill-fated vessel and which found nine of the victims frozen to death in a yawl on Sunday last, has again taken up the hunt and scoured the lake hoping to find the remaining crew and passengers of the boat.

A number of other craft also left here-to-day to steam about the lake to assist in the search.

### LIFE SAVERS DRIVEN BACK BY STORM

Efforts to Rescue Crew of Stranded Car Ferry Un-Successful.

Port Burwell, Ont., Dec. 15.—Mariners on the car ferry Ashtabula the crew of thirty are threatened with starvation. The only food the men have had since Sunday has been Christmas cake.

The life-saving crew has again been driven back, but will continue attempts to save the men-to-day.

### ROYAL WEDDING.

Brunswick, Duchy of Brunswick, Dec. 15.—The wedding of Duke Johann Albrecht, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and Princess Elizabeth of Solberg-Russia, was celebrated to-day in the presence of the Emperor and Empress, the King and Queen of Bulgaria, and many others of the royal households of Germany and Austria and the Italian and British ambassadors.

The honeymoon will be spent in the Far East and will include a visit to the King of Siam.

## TWO POWDER HOUSES ARE BLOWN UP

Man Killed in Railway Camp on the Skeena River.

(Special to the Times.) Hazelton, Dec. 15.—A powder house at a construction camp at Copper River was blown up Monday, and an Italian named Mike Masterson instantly killed.

A small powder house at the railway camp near Hole in the Wall on the Skeena river, containing a number of cases of high explosives, blew up on Saturday morning. Slight damage was done to the railway grade and the Yukon telegraph line.

The cause of the explosion is not known.

### MONEY PLENTIFUL.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Last week was a record one in the local postoffice, more money orders being issued during the past week than during any other week since this postoffice was established in the city.

The prosperity of the country always increases with the postoffice business," said Postmaster McIntyre, when asked to what he attributed the great increase of business. "We can always tell when there is lots of money in the country by the way in which people are sending it away."

### AUTO FATALITY.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 15.—Agnes Claypool, daughter of a wealthy resident, was killed and Harvey Bissell, son of Frank Rapids, a millionaire, was fatally injured when an auto crashed into Eagle rock canyon. The couple were engaged to be married.

### NEW BISHOP OF LONDON.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Very Rev. M. Fallon to-day received a telegram from Archbishop Starrett summoning him to Ottawa presumably to receive the notification of his elevation to the bishopric of London, Ontario.

### SHERIFF GUARDS PRISONERS.

Oscoda, Ark., Dec. 15.—Guards, under the sheriff, are camped in the jail here to prevent the lynching of six negroes who are said to have organized to attack white people.

### ROCKEFELLER DRUG STORES.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—It is reported that J. D. Rockefeller intends establishing a chain of drug stores across the continent to use oil by-products.

### CANAL PROJECT.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A report to the war department to the House the \$30,000,000 project for a canal to connect Lake Superior and the Mississippi river by way of the St. Croix river, is considered commercially impracticable and inadvisable, though practicable from an engineering point of view.

## CONSTABLES SENT BACK TO COAST

INDIAN TROUBLE REGARDED AS OVER

Only One of Ten Specials Dispatched From Prince Rupert Retained.

(Special to the Times.)

Hazelton, Dec. 15.—Nine of the ten specials sent here from Prince Rupert were discharged on arrival and ordered back to the coast, the government considering their protection not necessary. One man was placed on the permanent force and will remain at Hazelton. The residents wired the member for the district, also to the premier asking that all specials be retained here until the opening of navigation in May, but to no effect. The party left with the mail carriers for the coast last week.

Two more Indians of Kispiox valley have been found guilty of participating in the recent trouble and were given two months each. Otherwise the Indian situation is quiet.

### KILLED IN COASTING ACCIDENT.

Layfayette, Dec. 15.—One boy was killed and six seriously injured when a bobsled crashed down a hill and into a Wabash locomotive.

### IMPRISONED MAN MAY GAIN FREEDOM

Report That Confession Has Been Made Exonerating Superintendent Milne.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—A sensational sequel to the B. C. Electric Railway case, when Supt. Milne was sentenced to jail on August 3rd last year, occurred last night when George Maynard was arrested. The latter was charged with a man named Sharman but jumped his bail. Sharman was fined \$100 and three months. Both were charged with issuing false cheques. It is now stated that a confession has been made which will exonerate Milne.

### VANCOUVER TRAMWAYS.

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## SURPLUS WILL EXCEED SIXTEEN MILLIONS

Hon. W. S. Fielding, in Budget Speech, Says New Records are Being Established—Tariff Will Not Be Changed.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Hon. W. S. Fielding before a full attendance of members delivered his fourteenth annual budget speech yesterday afternoon, speaking for only about one hour and, presenting probably the most satisfactory financial statement in the history of the Dominion.

Hon. G. E. Foster replied with his usual criticism of alleged extravagance, and the growing national debt. The debate on the budget will probably be continued until the Christmas adjournment on Friday next.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, rising at 3:30, began by noting that last session he had not been able to make as optimistic statement as in previous years.

He spoke under conditions of general trade recovery, and could tell of a growing revenue, good financial outlook and a splendid record. The commercial depression of last year had passed.

Briefly reviewing the financial statement for the last fiscal year, he noted a total revenue of \$85,500,000, or a decrease of \$11,000,000, compared with the preceding year chiefly owing to the decline in customs receipts. Still there had been a surplus of revenue over all ordinary expenditure amounting to \$1,021,171. On capital account the total outlay had been nearly \$40,000,000. The increase of the debt had been \$45,699,418, of which National Transcontinental and the Quebec bridge accounted for \$31,317,152.

Coming to the current fiscal year, he could present a much more favorable statement. The lost ground in the revenue had been recovered, and new records were being established.

In the first eight months of the year ending December 1st the revenue had been \$64,656,509, an increase of \$9,541,282, compared with the corresponding months of last year. He estimated

HON. W. S. FIELDING.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—A telegram received in the city announces the death in England of Sir Alfred Lewis Jones, head of the big shipping firm of Elder, Dempster & Co.

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but if the Commons persists, that bill must go through in the lifetime of this parliament. The King must accept that position or risk financial and administrative chaos, consequent upon refusal by ministers who hold the popular mandate to take office. Obviously this would bring the sovereign into an extremely awkward position.

## Asquith and Home Rule.

London, Dec. 15.—Many Irish Nationalist leaders do not make the tactical mistake of welcoming Asquith's pronouncement, which, after all goes no further than "declaring that his party if returned to power will be entirely free to introduce a Home Rule Bill." They are now pressing Mr. Asquith to say what kind of bill and whether it is to be the foremost Liberal plank will be adopted. Gladstone's measure as a minimum, or go further and press as Redmond does, for an independent tariff for Ireland.

The Sinn Fein, representing the most advanced Nationalists, declares that Mr. Asquith shall not secure in 1910 as did the Liberals in 1884, Irish support while locking up Home Rule in a tomb.

The Unionists, on the other hand, declare that Mr. Asquith said enough to drive into Mr. Balfour's camp thousands of Liberals and Unionists who dislike tariff reform, but dislike and fear Home Rule more.

**HOTEL ARRIVALS**

## DOMINION.

J. F. Schroeder, U. S. Navy; F. Wheeler, J. J. Miller, Vancouver; J. H. Wilkinson, Chilliwack; Gilippo Panfilo, Paris, France; Mrs. B. Kuhn, Miss E. Kuhn, Shanghai; Morgan Hirsh, Rae Hirsh, Nanaimo; S. J. Wetherald, C. Knapton, D. Roberts, St. Paul; O. F. Wood, North Vancouver; J. A. Moore, Charles S. Hadcock, New Hazelton; E. H. Sims, Seattle; V. V. Hobbs, Cadboro Bay; J. H. and Mrs. Green, Geo. McCarty, Vancouver; V. F. Lade, Nelson; F. H. Fysh, H. J. Moore, Vancouver; J. A. Burke, Tacoma; C. Hengham, H. A. Banfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Kendall, Vancouver; J. A. Catherwood, Mission City; J. A. Knowing, W. Dawson and wife, L. J. Bruce, Vancouver; Mrs. Nellie Ryan, Tacoma; J. F. Scordino, Victoria; T. De Long, V. Davidson, G. Mosher, Vancouver; W. H. Corbett, Prince Rupert; Samuel Spencer, Sanctiont.

## EMPIRE.

J. W. Frost, Greenwood; W. A. Ross, Jr., New York; C. A. Ross, Belfast, Ireland; C. S. Pierce, Spokane; F. W. Law, M. Smith, C. P. Bremer, G. A. McNicholl, F. R. Russell, D. A. Hopper, G. Scott, W. P. Goard, A. S. Blakemore, J. J. Mulhall, O. Donnelly, F. G. Evans, J. Ramsay, R. J. J. Bevan, O. Plunkett, J. T. Flite, E. Francis, Vancouver; C. A. Moorhead and wife, New Albion; W. G. D. Wilson, New Westminster; F. Culicutt and wife, Calgary; Mrs. J. McDonald, Nelson; T. B. Simon, Columbus, O.; J. Ryan and wife, A. Leitch, Cranbrook; F. Dawes, Sheffield, Eng.; W. E. Wintemute, Vancouver.

## DRIARD.

A. C. McLean, Edwin G. Tait, E. Palmer, W. A. Lawthwaite, W. E. Clarkson, Vancouver; H. R. Jones, Seattle; A. C. Warner, H. G. Gardner, E. Mercer, Miss A. L. Mercer, W. N. O'Neill, C. J. Kay, Vancouver; A. M. Fagan, San Francisco; P. C. Cavanagh, Howard J. Hemming, Vancouver; W. G. Blyth, W. Balding, Norwich, Eng.; E. C. Bowden, Winnipeg; Walter Collins, E. Turbayne, J. Woods, Geo. Elvidge, Vancouver.

## KING EDWARD.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Short, W. Devlin, Seattle; A. R. Kelly, Tacoma; Mrs. P. Walls and son, James, Butte; T. B. Polk, H. P. O'Reilly, Seattle; Bob Allan, Chehalis; E. McCadden, Gaines Middleton, R. J. Raymond, D. S. Steele, Vancouver; G. L. Grey, Danley Grey, Vancouver; T. E. O'Neill, Wm. Abraham, Cowichan Station; A. V. Porter, Chemainus; J. Morgan, D. J. Rainey, Seattle.

John Bradley, a boy under seventeen, was charged in the police court to-day with unlawfully leaving a horse and rig standing in the street without being secured. The team ran away and was owned by Schofield & Lees. The boy was told he would not be allowed to drive, and was allowed to go with a caution. One drunk from the United States who carried an empty revolver about with him was fined \$5 and lost his gun.

**Masons in NEW HOME****FORMAL DEDICATION  
TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY**

Celebration of Fiftieth Anniversary of Order in This Province.

Very impressive were the ceremonies in connection with the celebration here yesterday of the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into this province and the dedication of the handsome annex at the repainted temple on the corner of Douglas and Fisgard streets. There was a very large attendance of distinguished members of the ancient order from various points in the northwest, and the proceedings were of the most interesting and memorable character.

The new hall was formally dedicated at 4 o'clock. Most Worshipful Grand Master H. N. Rich, of Ladner, presiding, and the attendance at this function was very large, estimated as between three and four hundred. The most worshipful grand master, who is grand historian of the order, delivered an address in which he dealt with the birth of the order in this city fifty years ago and each event of importance down to the present day. His paper contained a mass of valuable data respecting the affairs of the Freemasonry in this section of Western Canada and the same will be preserved in the archives.

Mr. Rich was followed by R. B. McMicking, P. G. M., D. Wilson, P. G. M., and Ald. McKeown, P. G. M., who each gave addresses reminiscent of the early days of the order in Victoria. Dr. I. W. Fewell, P. G. M., who had been expected to deliver an address was only able to speak briefly, as he is suffering from the effects of an operation. His place on the programme was ably filled by Wm. Dalby, P. G. M., who spoke most interestingly of the growth of the order in Victoria.

All present expressed themselves as delighted with the splendid new premises which are to be the home of the various local lodges; and the contractors, Messrs. Dinsdale &amp; Malcolm, were warmly congratulated on having completed such a fine structure.

The proceedings in the evening, in celebration of the anniversary, were of an equally interesting character. H. N. Rich, M. W. G. M., of Ladner, again presiding. Addresses historical in character were delivered by De Wolfe Smith, Wm. Dalby, A. McKeown, W. J. Bowser and D. Wilson—all dwelling on the splendid growth of Masonry in this province during the last half century and the abundant evidence on every hand that still greater achievements would assuredly be recorded in the future. The members of the local lodges were warmly congratulated on the possession of what by common consent is the finest Masonic temple in the whole of British Columbia.

On the conclusion of the ceremonies attendant on the celebration in the large lodge room, which elicited many complimentary references, the whole party reassembled in the handsome banqueting hall, where a bountiful repast was served. The larger number of the visitors returned to their homes on the steamer, sailing at midnight.

A list of the officers, who were in attendance, is as follows:

Grand Master H. N. Rich, Ladner; Deputy Grand Master E. B. Paul, Victoria.

Senior Grand Warden F. J. Burde, Vancouver; Junior Grand Warden James Stark, Vancouver.

Chaplain R. B. McMicking, Victoria; Treasurer A. McKeown, Victoria; Secretary R. E. Brett, Victoria; Senior Deacon C. H. Gatewood, Vancouver.

Junior Deacon P. J. Riddell, Victoria; Director of Ceremonies G. D. Christie, Victoria.

Grand Superintendent of Works Wm. Henderson, Victoria.

Marshal W. H. F. Richdale, Victoria; Sword Bearer L. Tait, Victoria.

Grand Standard Bearer A. F. Forbes, Victoria.

Grand Stewards G. T. Fox, Victoria, and S. M. Manuel, Esquimalt.

The Dundee whalers catch this season included three whales, cwt. of whalebone, 4,950 lbs., walrus and 10 tons of oil. One whale got away with an armory of harpoons in its back.

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The district is rapidly being settled and the people feel that the business which the company would get amply warrants such a move. The people would not expect a service of great frequency, but would be content with a car runs at such intervals as would prove the most convenient. It is understood that Mr. Goward, the local manager of the B. C. Electric Company, has already been spoken to about the matter and has held out some hopes of the service being inaugurated at an early date.

"The budget has knocked everything and I am living on borrowed money," said Francis Arden, a bottled beer merchant, who was sued for a debt of £94 9s. 9d. at city of London court.

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SIR T. SHAUGHNESSY  
ON PROPOSED NEW PORT

Says C. P. R. is Ready to Do  
Its Share in Providing Fast  
Liners.

London, Dec. 15.—Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, interviewed at Fishguard with reference to emigration, said:

"Recently when 1,600 small holdings were offered in England there were 25,000 applications. All these could be accommodated in Canada. We propose to prepare land for this class of small holder, build his house and fence his holding, break part of the soil and sow it, so that he can come all ready to settle down. This will be within reach of any English country man who has \$500 capital to make a start."

"There is really nothing to say about the rumors of building new Canadian Pacific liners for the Atlantic service. We are willing to do our part; the remainder depends upon the support that will be given by the governments. With 21-knot steamers we could make the Atlantic passage in the same time as the Cunard boats. With a 21-knot service we could equal the Lusitania, and with 22 knots we could beat her. With the assistance of the two governments I hope to see such boats, but there is no definite plans for them as yet."

"The idea of starting boats from Blacksod Bay, Ireland, does not seem to be practicable. It would cost as much to carry emigrants from Liverpool to Blacksod as we now receive for the entire journey."

"On the question of Canada's naval contribution, personally I should like to see Canada ask England to draw up a plan and build two Dreadnoughts at Canada's expense. Then we should lend them to England on a ninety-nine years lease for a dollar a year."

Speaking of the launch of the steamship Prince Rupert at Wallsend, F. R. Girdlestone, general manager of the Bristol dock committee, said he hoped that they would shortly have the co-operation of the Great Western railway of England and the Grand Trunk railway of Canada for the provision of a service of high-speed passenger steamers between Avonmouth dock and Montreal. It would form the shortest route, he said, between Montreal and London.

Widespread publicity is given Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's views. It is regarded as noteworthy that he dismisses as impracticable a fast service via Blacksod Bay, Ireland, which is associated with the British government's announced intention to contribute £15,000 towards a connecting railway in County Sligo. Much interest is also taken in President Shaughnessy's scheme to encourage British settlement in the west by preparing land for small holders, building houses, fencing land, breaking and sowing a portion of the soil, etc.

**MUST PAY FINE FOR  
SMUGGLING OPIUM**

Prisoner Suffers Lapse of Memory During Trial at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—A case of opium smuggling from the steamer Empress of China held the boards in the police court Monday. The accused were F. C. Donovan, a white man, and Cum and Yuen, Chinese. Donovan was caught taking some tins of opium ashore, but said he had paid the two Chinamen \$100 for them. Col. Worsnop, surveyor of customs, went on board and at that time Donovan seemed to be sure that Cum and Yuen were the two men from whom he had obtained it; but in the

police court he suffered from a lapse of memory, and could not say that he had obtained the opium from either one.

"Have you made any arrangements with the Chinamen by which they are to repay you the hundred dollars for saying this?" asked Magistrate Williams.

But Donovan absolutely denied it. He said that since he last came out of the penitentiary he had been earning an honest living.

The magistrate said it was his belief that Donovan had perjured himself, but under the circumstances he would have to dismiss the case against the Chinamen. Donovan was fined \$50 and costs, or thirty days' imprisonment.

"I suppose the Chinamen will pay Donovan's fine," remarked the bench.

**CALLS FOR TENDERS  
FOR V. V. & E. LINE**

Contractors Preparing to Bid  
for Two More Sections.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—That James J. Hill intends immediately to prosecute the building of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway, connecting Vancouver with Kootenay by a short line, is shown by the calling for tenders for the construction of the northern section of two sections of the line, extending about eight miles from Abbotsford, the point in the Fraser river valley to which the Great Northern now operates, to Hope, and from Princeton west up the Tulemen river.

This does not include the section over the Hope mountains which contains the proposed eight-mile tunnel. Either this tunnel will be constructed or twenty-five miles of hill climbing line will be built to surround the mountain.

Several well-known contractors are here figuring on the work. They include representatives of Guthrie & Co., of St. Paul and of Pat Welsh & Co., of Spokane.

**NELSON MAN GETS  
BIG LOGGING CONTRACT**

To Take Out Ten Million Feet  
of Logs for Crow's Nest Pass  
Lumber Company.

Nelson, Dec. 14.—T. G. Proctor has arrived home from Kootenay flats, 60 miles north of Fort Steele on the Columbia river, where he has a logging

contract said to be the largest ever given in the interior of British Columbia, if not in the whole province. The contract calls for in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 feet of logs, of which 4,600,000 feet is already skidded ready to be hauled to the river, where they will again be skidded to await driving down the river to Wardner, where they will be delivered to the Crow's Nest Pass Lumber company. Mr. Proctor is to get out at least 5,000,000 feet more of logs before the spring and if he does so he will have made a record. He has at present about 70 men at work and these will be constantly engaged until the time arrives for driving the logs to the mill, which will be some time next June, after high water. In addition to the logs Mr. Proctor expects to take out between 75,000 and 100,000 ties.

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**CANADA'S MARVELLOUS PRO-  
GRESS.**

Hon. W. S. Fielding has held the position of Dominion Finance Minister for thirteen years. In that respect the Minister has made a record in the history of Canada. But it is not the only record Mr. Fielding has established.

It is an unusual thing for the post of chief importance next to that of Prime Minister to be occupied by one man continuously for thirteen years in a country under the British flag—it is more unusual still for a Finance Minister to have a practically unbroken tale to tell of abounding prosperity and swelling revenues thirteen times in succession.

As every one in Canada who has followed the course of public events for the past quarter of a century knows, for a considerable number of years prior to 1896 Canada had marked time as far as material progress was concerned. There was a period of stagnation in business which could be felt not only directly by the people engaged in business, but by the classes whose interests are indirectly concerned in the activity of business. The great natural wealth of the country was as fully recognized then as it is now. The first transcontinental railway had been built; the rich lands of the prairies had been opened to settlement, but population could not be secured to develop Canada's natural wealth or to till the productive soil of the vast West. Every possible inducement was held out to settlers from other and less favored lands, but they would not come in, while millions of the native born crossed the border into the United States in search of the opportunities they sought in vain at home.

It would be profitless after a lapse of thirteen years to attempt to analyse the causes of this state of affairs. That it is an absolutely correct statement no one can deny. The matter of importance is that immediately upon the introduction of the first Fielding tariff a change became perceptible. Business improved. The vacant lands of the Northwest began to attract attention in many parts of the world. Population commenced to flow in from the other side of the ocean. It also began to trickle in a tiny stream from the United States. That movement has gone on steadily increasing until to-day the ships of the various steamship lines on the Atlantic are taxed to their capacity, while the streamlet crossing the border has become a mighty river, bearing not only vast potential wealth in desirable immigrants, but a great accumulation of actual wealth measured in dollars.

The revenue of Canada has of course grown in sympathy with the growth of population. There was but one short period of decension. That was during the last fiscal year, consequent upon the partial failure of the wheat crop in the Northwest and the world-wide depression. But again the tide has turned and is flowing stronger than ever before.

Mr. Fielding estimates that for the current financial year the federal revenue will either exceed or reach the neighborhood of the hundred million mark for the first time in the history of the country. If this enormous increase in revenue were due to an increase of taxation, it would not be a matter upon which to congratulate the taxpayers of the country. But the growth has occurred notwithstanding a substantial reduction in the rate of taxation following a reduction of duties on goods imported. The revenues have increased because the population has increased and the purchasing power of the population has also increased at a greater ratio than the growth of that population.

There are one of two statements of special importance in the annual budget speech of the Finance Minister to which we think it is our duty to call the reader's special attention.

During the thirteen years the Laurier government had held office the expenditure on capital account—that is on account of public works of permanent improvement creating valuable assets, such as the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway, canals and public buildings—have been two hundred and twelve millions of dollars. Of this very large amount no less than one hundred and forty-seven millions of dollars has been taken out of surpluses left after meeting all ordinary expenditures. Mr. Fielding, knowing the criticism that would follow, could not refrain from comparing this showing with the record of the previous administration, which during its last thirteen years of office expended one hundred and sixty-seven millions on capital account, only forty-nine millions of which was taken from

the revenue, the balance going to increase the public debt.

The Finance Minister also announced that the expenditures on the new Canadian navy would be a charge upon the ordinary revenue of the Dominion, not upon capital account, and would therefore not mean an increase in the national debt. This announcement ought to meet with general approval, as ships of war at the best soon become obsolete and cannot by any stretching of a point be considered permanent public works. Besides, the revenue of the Dominion is growing at such a wonderful rate that the construction and maintenance of a navy of growing strength need not hamper the policy of the government in other directions.

Not the least important of the statements of the Finance Minister was that there will be no changes in the tariff, although an effort will be made by the introduction of legislation to protect consumers against illegal combinations in trade, and that there was no reason to anticipate any disturbance in commercial relations with the United States as a result of the adoption by Congress of a maximum and minimum tariff.

The Finance Minister did not follow the example of Sir Leonard Tilley, a former Finance Minister, on a memorable occasion, and tell the commercial and industrial interests of the country to "clap on all sail." Like a prudent financier, he leaves such matters to the individual judgment of those most concerned. But if ever there was a time when such counsel could be justified, it is at the present time.

We do not know that in any country has a Finance Minister ever had such a continuous series of sanguine fiscal tales to tell.

**THE LORDS' BLUNDER.**

The House of Lords, besides assuming to dictate that a general election shall be held at any time it wills (when a Liberal government is in power), has created an inextricable tangle for the tariff reformers. On a straight issue between protection and free trade there might have been an equal chance for the Conservative party's success at the polls, but when the issue is complicated by an injection of the arrogant assumption of the Lords to a prerogative which has been taken from the hands of the sovereign himself, it is difficult to understand upon what ground the opposition bases its hopes of victory.

The action of the Lords surely betrays how hopelessly they must be out of touch with modern public opinion. If their chief desire had been the success of the party with which the majority of them are allied, instead of a determination to evade their fair share of taxation and to transfer the burden of the budget to the shoulders of all the people, very many of whom already have difficulty in procuring food to eat and clothes to wear, their lordships would undoubtedly have steered a more reasonable course. They have staked a great deal on the hazard of the election, as events will undoubtedly demonstrate. No Liberal government will return to or assume power if the Lords are permitted to arrogate the right of declaring that any measure of importance, although receiving a large majority in the House of Commons, shall be submitted to the referendum before coming into force. That is the argument they present in support of their rejection of the budget. They do not believe public opinion is behind it. Which simply amounts to a proposition that they think the present is a good time, from a Conservative point of view, to hold an election. That is, while a Tory party in power may continue in power for its full statutory term, when a Liberal government is in power the Tory majority which is always maintained in the House of Lords shall have the right of fixing the term for which it may remain undisturbed in power. That is broadening out the constitution from precedent to precedent with a vengeance. If the Briton has not completely lost his love of fair play, not to speak of his constitutional partiality for freedom, the Lords will find that they have butted their heads up against a stone wall.

The turmoil of the most tempestuous election campaign that has been waged Great Britain for years does not appear to have disturbed the philosophic calm of Mr. Arthur Balfour. The leader of the opposition has thrown off the burden cast upon his shoulders by the Lords and has retreated to Scotland, where he will indulge in the pleasant pastime of golf and commune with his own thoughts until after the joyous Christmas season. Then he will come forth refreshed to battle. Mr. Lloyd-George ought to follow his great opponent's example, if he is accustomed to play anything else but the political game. From what has been reported in regard to the Chancellor's condition of health, there may be danger of a nervous collapse before the fight is over.

The Times has been asked to make the fact clear that although George Sangster, who has given such satisfaction as reeve of North Spanish, is at present on a visit to Great Britain, he will be again in the field as a candidate for office during the ensuing year.

The public is giving evidence these days of marked confidence in the prospects of Victoria. The real estate market shows a decided tendency in the direction of a rise in prices.

**REAL ESTATE  
STILL ACTIVE****EXAGGERATED REPORTS  
HAVING BAD EFFECT****Many Offers Being Made to  
Owners of Central Prop-  
erties.**

The real estate movement continues, although the operations have not spread very largely to outside points. Victorians who in former years have been far from optimistic as to the future of the city, are now buying heavily, and there is not an owner but has been asked to put a price on his property if it is centrally located. Among those who have received flattering offers for their holdings is the firm of A. & W. Wilson, the Broad street plumbers, but they are not seeking a market.

There has been a tendency in some quarters to overrate the prices which have been paid. This is not having a good effect, as owners of property imagine from the reports that their holdings are worth more than they really are. An instance of this was in the property known as the Bank Exchange. This, it was reported, was sold by Mr. Sanders for \$10,000, whereas as the price received was only \$5,000.

The Victoria theatre block, including the Imperial hotel, as it is now established, has been taken over by a local syndicate including about eight or ten well-known business men. The property will eventually be converted into business property.

A property which changed hands yesterday was that of the block on Fort street lying between the Brown Jug saloon and the new Pemberton block. The property has been taken over by a syndicate for \$125,000, and it is understood that it will be improved in the near future.

The corner of Bay and Douglas street changed hands a few days ago for \$4,500, and on Monday it again changed hands for \$5,750. Since that it has been sold again at an advance. It is particularly noticeable that nearly all the very easy terms offered for houses have been withdrawn. A number of residential properties have changed hands during the last day or two, and they have been a number of acreage sales made. A number of deals are on the tap, and it seems likely that the early spring will see a number of these placed on the market.

Some regret has been expressed at this year. By Christmas the prairie men will begin to arrive and that will instill a new element into the situation.

Timber has also shown some activity of late. Michigan men have just secured ten thousand acres near Powell Lake. The property is said to be largely cedar and the consideration was in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Michigan men have also purchased 8,000 acres at Alberni and will erect a sawmill there to handle the timber. This is mostly fir and will be used in the export business.

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**Local News****HOCKEY CONCERT AT  
INSTITUTE HALL**

Local Musicians' and Singers'  
Names Are in the Pro-  
gramme.

In the Institute hall this evening at 8:15 the concert given under the auspices of the Victoria Hockey Club will be held. The hockey boys hope to see everybody interested in sport present this evening. Following is the complete programme: Piano—Selection from Faust ... Gounod Mrs. (Dr.) Gibson Song—Jerry, Joe or John ..... Squire Song—Selected ..... Harry Davis Song—Selected ..... Miss Emma Schell Violin—Concerto in D Minor, Winiawski Benedict Bantly Song—Selected ..... Arion Club Double Quartette Part II Duet—Go, Pretty Rose ..... Marzials Mrs. Wilson and Miss Schell Song—Two Grenadiers ..... Schumann Frederick Waddington Song—Ave Maria, from Caverlier Rusticana Mrs. H. C. Briggs Song—Selected ..... Arion Club Double Quartette.

**WHITE VANCOUVER ISLAND.**

Ernest McGaffey calls for its Settlement by Anglo-Saxons Only.

A strong plea for a white Vancouver Island was put forward last evening by Ernest McGaffey, secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League, who lectured in the First Congregational church on "This Island of Ours." George Carter occupied the chair. There was a good attendance.

Mr. McGaffey is an enthusiast regarding Vancouver Island, its resources and its future, and he communicated much of his enthusiasm to his hearers. He dealt very particularly with the racial question, and insisted upon the necessity of keeping this a white man's country and settling the Island with Anglo-Saxons stock.

The total bank clearings for the week ending December 14th, as reported by the Victoria Clearing House, were \$1,714,907.

—Children's sets, 2 chairs and table, \$2.50. The Capital Furniture Co.

—SHOOTING MATCH—At Oak Dell Hotel, Colwood, December 19th.

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—To-morrow afternoon and evening the annual meeting of the Union of Municipalities of British Columbia is to be held at North Vancouver on Friday and Saturday of this week. The Victoria City Council will in all likelihood be represented by Alds. Henderson and MacKenzie.

—The annual meeting of Grace Lutheran church will serve tea and hold a sale of work at the parsonage, 1602 Quadra street.

The work to be sold will be small articles suitable for Christmas presents. No large and costly articles will be sold at this time. In the evenings there will be a programme of vocal and instrumental music. The proceeds of the sale are to go towards a Christmas tree for the Sunday school.

—One of the best films that has yet been brought to this city will be shown at the Majestic theatre during the afternoons and evenings of Friday and Saturday of this week. The film is entitled "The Cattle Thieves" and consists of 1,000 feet of some great scenery, and also at times proves very thrilling. The great Canadian Northwest is shown and the Canadian North-West Mounted Police are introduced into the picture. In a marvellous exhibition of riding and shooting. All the wise ones will take the advantage of seeing this remarkable film. A number of other good films will accompany the one mentioned.

—Additional subscriptions have been received by W. G. Findlay, who is acting as secretary during the absence of A. J. Brace, towards the fund which is to be sent to the Shaftesbury society to be expended at Christmas time by that society in giving the poor children of London a good meal. With the following donations the amount now totals \$221.40, while there are yet many others to be heard from: Sons of St. George, \$20; F. Davey, \$1; Mr. Thomson, \$1; A. E. Ellcock, \$1; M. Gordon, \$1; E. A. Lewis, \$1; C. S. Baxter, \$1; H. H. Maloney, \$1; W. Blakemore, \$1; J. W. Bolden, \$1; H. Price, \$1; F. Price, \$1; V. Price, \$1; C. Price, \$1; S. Price, \$1; Mrs. Price, \$1; A. Friend, \$1; T. M. Sturgess, \$1; A. Friend, \$1; Total, \$221.40.

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**ENQUIRY ON  
THIS EVENING****WHAT'S WRONG AT  
ISOLATION HOSPITAL?**

Dr. Hermann Robertson Asks  
Board of Health to  
Investigate.

More than usual interest attaches to this evening's enquiry under the auspices of the civic board of health into the affairs of the isolation hospital, inasmuch as it is anticipated as an outcome there may be changes in the administration. The enquiry has been summoned at the instance of the medical health officer, Dr. Herman Robertson. Dr. Robertson was asked this morning to state what was the purpose of the enquiry, but declined to say more than that there were a number of matters affecting the welfare of the institution which he desired to bring to the attention of the board.

Those familiar with the situation have no doubt that the enquiry will resolve itself into a question of determining the respective jurisdictions of the medical health officer and the matron, Mrs. King. The latter on several previous occasions has chafed against regulations which she alleged were unsatisfactory, and at her request an enquiry was held some weeks ago. Since that date there have been other developments which Dr. Robertson thinks should be brought before the board, and there is a promise, therefore, that the whole system of management at the isolation hospital will this evening be thoroughly gone into.

**RATEPAYERS MEET  
AND ELECT OFFICERS**

Objects of the Association—  
Improvements in Civic  
Management.

In the report submitted at the annual meeting of the Ratepayers' Association yesterday one object of the association was stated to be "the insuring of the election of men properly qualified to administer public affairs, and towards this end efforts are made to draw together those who take interest in the general public welfare, and obtain the benefit of their experience and counsel."

The report concludes: "This association is identical with similar institutions organized in Great Britain and the United States, and it has been found that in every case where the interest of the citizen is awakened, improvement in the administration of public affairs follows as a matter of course. The importance of concerted action is so well known that the policy of this association should commend itself to every taxpayer as a means of obtaining the most desirable legislative action on all provincial and municipal matters and rectifying abuses. Your board, therefore, hopes that its members will urge the public advantage of extending its usefulness whenever possible."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, F. B. Penberth; secretary-treasurer, Thomas Sorby; board of management, Hon. W. J. Macdonald, E. Musgrave, Major Dupont, E. A. Kirk, J. K. Rebeck, J. E. Wilson, J. A. Sayward and T. Shotbolt.

The report of the past year's work mentions several matters in which a betterment of civic management was obtained, notably in regard to the engineering department.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER.**

To Be Held in Y.M.C.A. Hall on  
Christmas Day at 12:30 o'clock.

On Christmas Day a dinner will be given in the Y.M.C.A. hall at 12:30 o'clock for young men who are away from home. It has been the custom of the association in past years to hold these functions, which are made possible by several men of the association who are interested in the work.

At last year's dinner 56 young men sat down and spent a jolly time together. It is expected that at the coming dinner a much larger number will be in attendance, as the membership of the association has grown to a great extent during the year, and the majority of the new members are young men who have come to this city and are away from home.

At the close of the dinner a social time will be indulged in which is one of the objects of holding this gathering so that the young men may become better acquainted with each other.

Invitations are now being sent out, and those in charge would esteem it a favor if any who receive invitations know of another young man who is away from home, whether a member of the association or not, would kindly let them know so as that they may be invited. There is no charge connected with the dinner.

The complete return of Lillooet give a majority of 53 for Archibald McDonald, Conservative, over Mark R. Eggleston, the late member.

The fire brigade responded to a false alarm last night from box 42, corner of Blanchard street and Caledonia avenue. On arriving there they found no trace of fire and no one in the vicinity.

The death occurred yesterday at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Martha Elizabeth Clark, the beloved wife of Thomas Clark, late of Lytton, B. C. Deceased has been ill for considerable time, and was born in Brampton, Ont., 56 years ago. The remains have been removed to the B. C. Funeral Furnishings Company's parlors, where they will repose, pending definite funeral arrangements, which will be announced later.

The funeral of the late Clifford M. Seales took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company's parlors, where Rev. John Grundy conducted an appropriate service. Interment took place in Ross Bay cemetery.

Bailey Mackie, of Fraserburgh, presiding at the annual fish buyers' dinner at Lowestoft, said that the present fleet working out of the port was, with nets and gear, worth £7,000,000.

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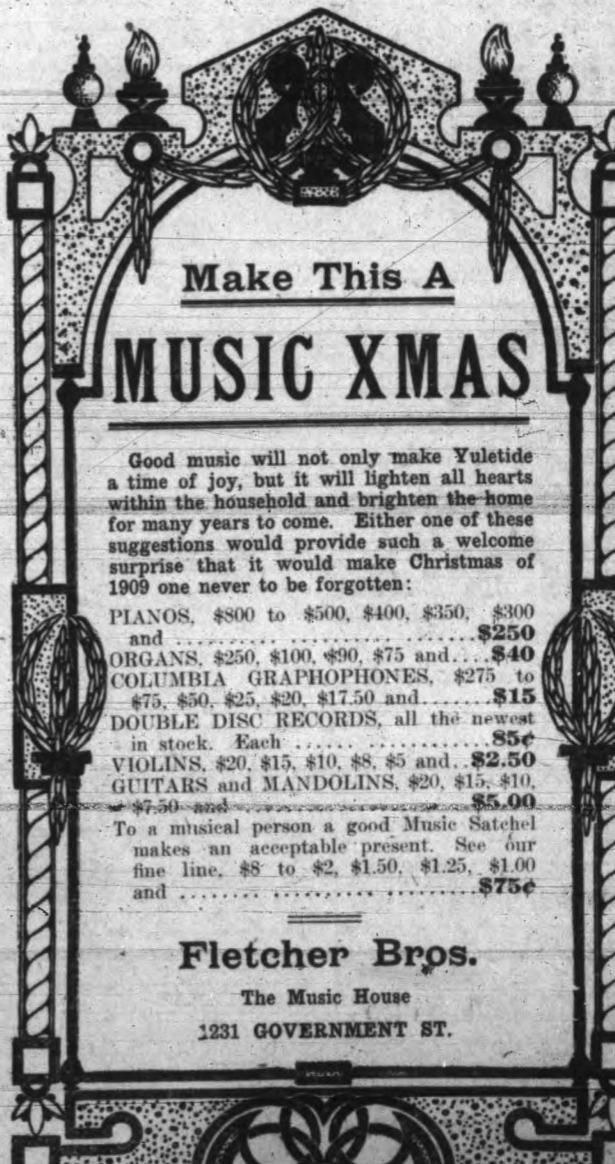
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Clean linen is always necessary and acceptable.

All those who have been helped appear grateful, some sincerely so, and to show it are trying to do better with the start given them. Again there are those who will always be on our list, but through all the year's work I am thankful to say there has been no discord whatever and I am sure in many cases the good work of the society will leave its mark.

I wish to thank all those who have been on the various visiting committees, also the ladies who have helped in the other branches of the work, and hope the society will meet with continued success and be well supported as it advances, with its work which each year increases and extends over a larger area, as the city grows.

The subscribers to the funds of the society are:

Annuals, Per Mrs. Brooker.

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Receipts.

Balance on hand, November 20, 1908	\$ 389.37
Subscriptions for the year	123.60
Donations	17.50
Collections—	
Per Mrs. Wilson	86.25
Per Mrs. Nicholles	40.25
Per Mrs. Brooker	57.00
	\$1,227.97
Expenditure.	
Nurse's salary	\$ 600.00
Car fare	14.00
Extra help	33.00
Telephone	22.20
Chemist	3.40
Christmas gifts	28.60
Printing	7.50
Home sewing society	10.60
Washing	1.50
Balance in bank	491.77
	\$1,227.97
Balance in savings bank account, November 20, 1909	\$ 298.25

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. G. H. Barnard; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Toller; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Fletcher; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Perrin; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Harold Robertson; honorary members, Miss Perrin, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Goepel, Miss Carr, Mrs. Pemberton; working members, Mesdames Beaven, Brooker, Berkeley, Hardie, Hay, Cameron, Jenkins, Todd, Wilson, Nicholles, Solater.

Mrs. Pemberton, who has been elected a life member, thanked the society for the honor.

On motion of Mrs. Toller and Mrs. Fletcher a vote of thanks was passed to the collectors, Mrs. Brooker being named specifically.

The Nurse's Report.

The report of Mrs. R. Herbert was as follows:

We have attended during the past year twenty-two maternity cases. One week's nursing given to Mrs. Gardner. Twice a week was given to nursing Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson. One week's nursing given to Mrs. King. Two weeks with Mrs. Moore during cold spell last spring. An average of 100 visits a month are paid by the nurse.

At each maternity case an outfit is left for child and same for mother and where needed street clothes also.

Over six hundred articles of clothing have been distributed.

About thirty families have been supplied with clothes and other necessities and given help and advice in time of sickness.

Clothes for distribution have been received from the following ladies, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Harold Robertson, Mrs. Toller, Miss Fraser, Miss Curtis, Mrs. J. Leeming, Mrs. Hardie, Mrs. Nicholles, Mrs. Chas. Todd, Mrs. Wolaston and Mrs. Stevenson.

I have through the kindness of Miss Lawson free access to Friendly Help.

These articles are all distributed by the nurse as being a frequent visitor at all the homes, understands best the sizes of the children inability of some mothers to sew, etc.

Many orders of groceries and fuel have been filled by Friendly Help during the past year.

During the severe cold spell of last spring many kind friends contributed generously to aid the poorer of our applicants for help. Mrs. Croft, coal, wood, groceries and new bedclothes to value of \$38.00.

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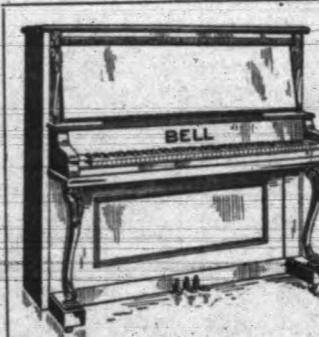
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## CHEAP RATES FROM WINNIPEG TO COAST

Excursionists Will Begin to Arrive Here About Christmas Day.

The announcement in regard to the excursions from the prairies, has just arrived and it shows that they are later than on previous years. Tickets will be on sale in Winnipeg and other points on December 17th and 18th, the fare for the round trip being two dollars in advance of a single fare. This will allow those who wish to spend Christmas on the Coast to arrive in good time, or those who wish to remain at home for Christmas to still use the tickets, they being good to leave at such time as to arrive here fifteen days after their purchase.

Further dates for selling the cheap tickets are January 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th, and February 16th and 17th. The tickets allow three months within which it is necessary to return. The round fare from Winnipeg is 34¢.

## SPECIAL TRIP MADE TO STEWART CITY

Optimism in Spite of Cold Whalers Seen at Work in Gulf.

Steamer Vadsø, which arrived from the north this morning, brought word of having made a special trip to Stewart for the purpose of bringing Mr. Hopkins and party, people who are promoting a railway in that district. They found the weather extremely cold, there being about three feet of snow on the wharf and the thermometer down to zero. There was, however, an optimistic feeling among the residents. Not only will the short line of railway commence construction in the spring, but they expect that the mines will have the largest payroll of any camp in British Columbia. Three to four thousand people are expected to go in there in the early spring.

As the vessel was coming south they saw the two whaling steamers actively engaged in their work. The St. Lawrence had a whale in tow, while the Orion was shooting. Both were in the neighborhood of Sechelt. Plenty of whales blowing in the gulf were reported.

A number of people came south on the Vadsø. W. Pender, the surveyor, brought his party out from the neighborhood of Rivers Inlet. The steamer also brought a good deal of freight.

The Vadsø coaled at Comox yesterday and also loaded 250 tons of cargo coal for Prince Rupert. She will take north also a shipment of 14,000 feet of fine dressed lumber for the Hudson's Bay Company. She will leave here tomorrow night.

## A BOWEL MEDICINE

Prevents Constipation, Appendicitis, Keeps Complexion Clear, Assures Sound Health.

Two Remarkable Cases Described by Mr. Hugh Cameron of Folger Station, Ont., Proving the Merit of

## DR. HAMILTON'S PILLS

I am now quite an old man," writes Mr. Cameron, "It being sixty-six years since I left my native town in Scotland. In that time I have witnessed much sickness and suffering. One case I recall occurred with a neighbor who I heard was about ready to die with appendicitis. I went to see him and found he had been ordered to the hospital weeks ago for an operation. But he put it off and I found him in bed suffering agony—four days had elapsed since his bowels moved. Having used Dr. Hamilton's Pills regularly for 25 years I knew they could help him and I gave him three pills. In two days he was around, and I know that ever since, this man has enjoyed excellent health, and simply because he used Dr. Hamilton's Pills three times a week. No case of constipation can possibly go uncured if treated with Dr. Hamilton's Pills."

In my own family we use practically no other medicine but Dr. Hamilton's Pills. To keep the digestion good, to regulate the bowels and maintain healthy action of the liver and kidneys no remedy I ever heard of is so dependable and so certain to do good as Dr. Hamilton's Pills. For the father who lives as I do, far from a doctor and drug store, the knowledge of the power and wide usefulness of Dr. Hamilton's Pills for all family ills is very valuable. I have administered them for nearly every complaint for which they are recommended and in each case this honest medicine cured. Signed, Hugh Cameron, Folger Station P.O. Ont.

Dr. Hamilton's Pills are an old and proven cure for all disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels—good for children—good for old folks—just what everyone in poor health requires. 25¢ per box, or five boxes for \$1.00, at all dealers, or the Catarrhosee Company, Kingston, Ont.

## NEW RIVER STEAMER.

Sternwheeler May Be Built at This City for Skeena.

G. W. Morrow and George Fridge, of Prince Rupert, came south a few days ago for the purpose of making arrangements for the building of a new sternwheeler. It is understood that the business next year will warrant the putting on of additional steamers and Prince Rupert men are anxious to be identified with it. Should the scheme go through it is altogether probable that the steamer may be built here.

## SUPERINTENDENT WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

Gordon Halkett Who Has Nearly Recovered From Accident Going Home.

Gordon Halkett, superintendent of lighthouses for this coast, will leave for Ottawa to-morrow night for the purpose of laying before the government certain recommendations in regard to the improvements necessary on this coast, and to have a personal consultation with the officials at that point.

Incidentally Mr. Halkett will spend Christmas with his parents in Ottawa, this being the first time in several years that he has had an opportunity of doing so.

Although still wearing smoked glasses, Mr. Halkett's sight has improved very much of late. He still bears a few marks of the carbide explosion by which he nearly lost his life, but by the time he returns from the East he hopes to be once more his old self.

Mr. Halkett is very popular in Victoria, where he has a wide circle of acquaintances. All were grieved to hear of his accident some months ago, and they were glad to have him back to his old haunts after a long siege in the hospital. Their best Christmas wishes will go with him on his visit to his paternal home.

## MORE HINDUS ARE RETURNING HOME

Eight Leaving To-morrow on Steamer Empress of China.

The Hindus are still drifting back to India. They do not like living here, especially in the winter. They have been working regularly since they arrived, and while some have been spending like white men, others have been working hard for the purpose of returning to their own country, where they can live on only a few cents a day and under more congenial conditions than those which obtain here. To-morrow eight of these will leave for the Orient on the steamer Empress of China, which pulls out from Vancouver as soon as possible after the arrival of the liner from the East.

Besides the Hindus the steamer will take 50 Chinese from the port, and she will have a number of saloon passengers from Vancouver. She will also take a quantity of freight.

## GOSMOS LINER TAKES CANADIAN EXHIBIT

Setos Discharging Nitrate at Outer Dock—Has Big Cargo Aboard.

The big Kosmos liner Setos arrived here this morning to discharge 150 tons of nitrate of soda which was brought from Chile. Most of the consignment of nitrate left at San Francisco, about 90 tons having been taken from the Chilean ports.

The Setos is loaded with a full cargo of flour and other food stuffs taken at Puget Sound ports. When she has discharged the nitrate she will go to Comox to bunker, and then sail direct to South America, where the flour will be discharged here in April.

The Prothesia will include a new feature in the Blue Funnel line for she will have limited passenger accommodation.

Among her officers will be Chief Engineer Collins, who was in charge of the Belcheropon's engine room on her last voyage here.

## MARINE NOTES.

Tenders are being asked by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police at White Horse for the sale of the American steamer Vidette, which is at present on the ways at White Horse, Yukon Territory. She is 98 feet long and of 134 tons gross.

Sealing schooner Jessie which was being painted on the ways of the Victoria Machinery Co. has been launched and is nearly ready to leave for the north. The fescue has not yet been secured.

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## SHIPPING GUIDE

### OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

From the Orient.

Vessel. Kumeric ..... Due. Dec. 17

Empress of Japan ..... Jan. 21

From Australia.

Aorangi ..... Dec. 16

From Mexico.

Erla ..... Dec. 20

Georgia ..... Dec. 24

From Liverpool.

Ning Chow ..... Dec. 26

TO SAIL.

For the Orient.

Empress of China ..... Dec. 16

For Australia.

Aorangi ..... Dec. 21

For Mexico.

Dec. 16

For Liverpool.

Bellerophon ..... Dec. 29

TO SAIL.

For San Francisco.

Vessel. Queen ..... Dec. 17

From Skagway.

Princess May ..... Dec. 22

From Northern B. C. Ports.

Princess Beatrice ..... Dec. 15

Vadsø ..... Dec. 21

From West Coast.

Tees ..... Dec. 18

TO SAIL.

For San Francisco.

Umatilla ..... Dec. 16

For Skagway.

Princess May ..... Dec. 25

For Northern B. C. Ports.

St. Denis ..... Dec. 23

Vadsø ..... Dec. 23

From West Coast.

Tees ..... Dec. 17

TO SAIL.

For San Francisco.

Dec. 27

For West Coast.

Tees ..... Dec. 29

TO SAIL.

For West Coast.

Dec. 27

TO SAIL.

For West Coast.

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THE JEWELLERS

## Shopping Suggestions.

### At 25c and 35c

Silver Charms.  
Silver Thimbles.  
Hat Pins.  
Souvenir Brooches.  
Souvenir Stick Pins.  
Brass Ash Trays.  
Silver Photo Frames.  
Ebony Salve Pots.  
Ebony Buffer.  
Cut Glass Salts.  
Silver Collar Pins.  
Leather Watch Chains.  
Brass Photo Frames.  
Silver Brooches.  
Gold Filled Brooches.  
Pearl Brooches.  
Pearl Tie Supporters.  
Ebony Manicure Pieces.  
Leather Car Ticket Cases.  
Plated Tea Spoons.  
Gold Filled Collar Pins.  
Black Collar Pins.  
Tie Clips.  
Bottle Labels, Silver.  
Nickle Watch Chains.  
Cuff Holders.  
Gold Filled Safety Pins.

### At 50c

Silver Links.  
Gold Filled Brooches.  
Hat Pins.  
Silver Pincers.  
Silver Nail Files.  
Silver Button Hooks.  
Silver Tooth Brushes.  
Silver Glove Darners.  
Silver Seals.  
Silver Photo Frames.  
Silver Bangle Bracelets.  
Silver Thimbles.  
Silver Tie Cips.  
Silver Tooth Brush Bottles.  
Silver Salt and Pepper Shakers.  
Souvenir Brooches.  
Silvery Emery Balls.  
Pearl Cuff Links.  
Gold Filled Scarf Pins.  
Brass Paper Knives.  
Brass Photo Frames.  
Silver Napkin Rings.  
Black Collar Pins.  
Tie Clips.  
Bottle Labels, Silver.  
Nickle Watch Chains.  
Cuff Holders.  
Gold Filled Safety Pins.

### At 75c

Baby Rings.  
Souvenir Enamelled Links.  
Souvenir Belt Buckles.  
Silver Nail Files.  
Silver Button Hooks.  
Silver Tooth Brushes.  
Silver Glove Darners.  
Silver Seals.  
Silver Photo Frames.  
Silver Bangle Bracelets.  
Silver Thimbles.  
Silver Tie Cips.  
Silver Tooth Brush Bottles.  
Silver Salt and Pepper Shakers.  
Souvenir Brooches.  
Silvery Emery Balls.  
Pearl Cuff Links.  
Gold Filled Scarf Pins.  
Brass Paper Knives.  
Brass Photo Frames.  
Silver Napkin Rings.  
Gold Filled Baby Pins.  
Gold Filled Collar Pins.  
Cut Glass and Silver Talcum Powder Jars.  
Cut Glass and Silver Salt and Pepper Shakers.  
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Cut Glass and Silver Talcum Powder Jars.

### At \$1.00

Ebony Cloth Brushes.  
Ebony Hair Brushes.  
Ebony Shaving Brushes.  
Ebony Baby Brushes.  
Ebony Salve Jars.  
Silver Scissors.  
Silver Spoons.  
Silver Stamp Boxes.  
Silver Shoe Horns.  
Silver Darners.  
Silver Button Hooks.  
Silver Brooches.  
Silver Scotch Brooches.  
Silver Tie Clips.  
Silver Scarf Pins.  
Silver Thimbles.  
Silver Button Hooks.  
Silver Curling Tong.  
Silver Nail Files.  
Silver Gloves Darners.  
Silver Pencils.  
Silver Thimbles.  
Silver Nut Crackers.  
Silver Pin Trays.  
Silver Paper Knives.  
Silver Pencils.  
Silver and Oak Salts.  
Silver and Glass Perfume Bottles.  
Silver Tea Balls.  
Silver and Glass Salve Jars.  
Silver Photo Frames.  
Silver Emery Balls.  
Gold Filled Stick Pins.  
Gold Filled Brooches.

### At \$1.25

Silver Food Pushers.  
Silver Tea Spoons.  
Silver Baby Spoons.  
Silver Photo Frames.  
Silver Napkin Rings.  
Silver Brooches.  
Silver Pencils.  
Cut Glass and Silver Powder Jars.  
Cut Glass and Silver Salt and Pepper Shakers.  
Cut Glass and Silver Tooth Brush Holder.  
Cut Glass and Silver Vases.  
Cut Glass and Silver Salve Jars.  
Cut Glass Bon Bon Dishes.  
Cut Glass Vases.  
Ebony Curling Irons.  
Back Combs.  
Barrettes.  
Leather Purse.  
Gold Filled Cuff Links.  
Gold Filled Baby Pins.  
Gold Filled Collar Pins.  
Gold Filled Stick Pins.  
Gold Filled Waist Sets.  
Pearl Cuff Links.  
Enamelled Veil Pins.

### At \$1.50

Silver Cuff Links.  
Silver Scotch Brooches.  
Silver Stamp Boxes.  
Silver Smelling Salts Bottles.  
Silver Pen Knives.  
Silver Stamp Cases.  
Silver Baby Spoons.  
Silver Thermometers.  
Silver Calendar Frames.  
Silver Perfume Bottles.  
Silver Nut Crackers.  
Silver Pen Holders.  
Silver Child Sets.  
Silver Napkin Rings.  
Silver Vases.

### At \$2.00

Silver Rattles.  
Silver Match Boxes.  
Silver Valise Tags.  
Silver Photo Frames.  
Silver Tooth Brushes.  
Silver Shoe Horns.  
Silver Button Hooks.  
Silver Curling Tong.  
Silver Hat Brushes.  
Silver Scissors.  
Silver Combs.  
Silver Pocket Combs.  
Silver Child Sets.  
Silver Napkin Rings.  
Silver Mugs.

## For a Lady

THERE is no more popular Christmas gift than a really good, reliable, Watch, especially when it is neat and fashionable in appearance. We are selling the popular O sizes Lady's Watch, in fully guaranteed gold-filled cases, for \$16.00

## ORPHANS HOME BOARD MEETS

### REPORTS TELL OF SATISFACTORY CONDITIONS

### Officers Elected for the Year— Charles Hayward Again President.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the B. C. Orphans' Home was held yesterday afternoon at the city hall with President Charles Hayward in the chair. The reports were read and officers elected. There are now 48 children in the home, instead of thirty-eight last year.

#### Board's Report.

The report of the board of management read by the president was as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen.—Our highly respected and beloved friend, Bishop Criddle, when dealing some time ago with the early history of the home said: "It was a day of small things, when the need of such an institution pressed itself upon the Protestants of Victoria. In the beginning its operations were unpretentious. The children, including those who had previously been maintained by private subscriptions, were lodged in private houses. Then a house on Rae street was secured, to be succeeded by a new building there, until a bequest of over \$70,000 from John G. Taylor justified the acquirement of extensive grounds and premises at Hillside avenue, suitable to more advanced requirements."

Mr. B. S. Heisterman, who for the last two years has kindly served as hon. treasurer, intimates his intention of retiring from office, owing to the pressure of business. As all officers must be chosen from the committee of management, to be elected to-day, we venture to advise the selection of those who are willing to assume some of the arduous duties.

In reviewing the work of the past year your committee feel that there is much to be thankful for, not only for the continued and increasing generosity of subscribers and other helpers, but also for the firm conviction that the home has really been the means of diffusing comfort and happiness to many who might otherwise have been left in misery and neglect, with all its attendant evils.

In conclusion we desire to express our hearty thanks to all who have so kindly assisted, and supported our efforts, and to solicit for our successors a continuance of your sympathy and help.

CHARLES HAYWARD,  
President.  
Ladies' Report.  
The report of the ladies' committee in part read:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen.—The approach of Christmas reminds us that it is our duty and pleasure to present the eleventh annual report of the ladies' committee of management, and in doing so we desire to express our thankfulness for the continued gratifying and satisfactory condition of the home and the excellent health of the children during the past year, notwithstanding the menace to their well-being, caused by the frequent upheavals of the neighboring streets, owing to civic improvements, re-sewerage and water supply, causing us often to wish fervently that the paternal hearts of our city fathers might be moved to send a bountiful supply of gum boots for the little feet, which twice daily have during the last few months frequently waded through mud and water to school. Had it not been for the ever watchful care of Mrs. Kay insisting on immediate change of wet shoes and stockings, there would probably have resulted many cases of serious illness.

The children in the home now number 47 as against 38 at this time last year, while a much larger number than usual have been cared for during the intervening period.

There being no statutory provision

of all; the work as assistant matron having been much appreciated, she being succeeded by Miss Robertson, whose energy, cheerfulness and capability caused her resignation to be much regretted, receiving every felicitation and good wish, on account of the nearness of the happy event, which made this step necessary.

The enforced resignation of our highly valued and appreciated matron, Mrs. Kay, on account of ill-health, comes as a heavy loss to the home, and personal grief to us all; her work for years having been so excellent, her services so conscientious and faithful, that we do not like contemplating the future without her, and we are truly glad that she remains with us until the New Year. We are, however, very pleased to state that in our newly appointed matron, Miss Allen, we believe she shall be fortunate in meeting with one who will be a true and kind "mother" and friend to the 48 children, the little inmates of the home, and also one who will gain the confidence and esteem of all with whom she is brought in contact.

We, as a committee, are most grateful to kind friends and the generous public, that during the year interest of the children has been so abundantly exemplified and maintained by constant gifts and practical additions to their comfort and happiness.

Services Rendered.  
The Christmas festival of 1908 was referred to in the report; the annual pound party held June 18th; the chrysanthemum show of November 16th and 17th; summer treats by Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Newton, of Oak Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Troup on the White Swan Flyer entertainment on the merry-go-round by courtesy of Mr. Burdick; children's fete at Women's Building and the exhibition.

A concert by the male voice choir in aid of the Home and the kindness of A. and J. Longfield and orchestra, and Mr. Denham, of the Victoria theatre, for entertaining the children, is gratefully referred to by the committee.

The report continues: Splendid donations of vegetables, fruits, jam, butter, eggs, etc., have been received at

the Duncan Christian Aid Society,

the Duncan Agricultural Association, also from friends and well-wishers of Salt Spring Island, Saanich, Sidney, Cedar Hill, Craigleath, etc.

Our grateful thanks are also expressed on behalf of the children for delicious donations of cake, sandwiches, fruit, ice cream, candies, etc., from city and district churches, as also from numerous fraternal societies and St. Andrew's Young People's Society. Also to Capt. Elliston for a summer treat, dear to the heart of children, of ice cream, strawberries and cake, and to the Junior Boys of Oak Bay for cash so unselfishly bestowed.

Indebtions and much gratitude is also expressed to the principal and teachers of the North Ward and Hillside avenue schools for special acts of kindness and consideration to the children of the Orphanage, as also to the officers and teachers of the Centennial Methodist Sunday school for their deeply appreciated consideration for the

highest and best interests of the children.

Our sincere thanks are also unanimously expressed to Dr. Holden and Dr. Lewis Hall for professional services so freely and gratuitously rendered, facts which have considerably assisted the matron in the care of so large a family.

In extending thanks to all donors, the gratitude of the committee, the matron and children is most heartily expressed to one whose gifts have continued from month to month with unlimited abundance, viz., our generous friend, Tony Silvini, of the E. & N. railway, who has supplied in unstinted liberality those necessities and treats in the matter of diet for the children, which otherwise would be unobtainable, having thereby fully earned the title of "The Fairy God-parent of the Home," his gifts materially assisting the com-missarial department.

Thanks likewise are tendered to Messrs. Porter & Sons and Mr. King for expressage, also to the Times and Colonist offices for daily papers, and for kind and liberal consideration in press reports.

At this the annual meeting of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home, our thoughts instinctively turn to the reverend and honored founder, the Right Rev. Bishop Criddle, whose prayers, sympathetic and practical assistance will ever rest as a benediction on the Home; him, over whose venerated brow the shadows and sunshines of nine decades have passed without abating his keen interest in the welfare of the Orphanage. We desire to greet with fervent wishes that the peace and blessings of Christmas may rest upon him and his family circle in abundant fullness.

Do you know the record of the events of the past year as the ladies' committee of management, recognising our indebtedness to the residents of the city of Victoria, the districts, and islands, conscious that never have donations been more liberally bestowed or interest in the welfare of the children more strikingly displayed than during the year so quickly passing away, which facts fill our hearts with gratitude and thankfulness to Him, to whom

the following committee of management was elected for the ensuing year: Charles Hayward, J. H. Lawson, Bishop of Columbia, Right Rev. Bishop Criddle, William Scowcroft, A. B. Fraser, sr. A. J. W. Bridgeman, H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C. David Spencer, sr. L. Goodacre, Rev. E. G. Miller, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. T. W. Glazebrook, Mrs. W. Fraser, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. J. M. Langley, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. Toller, Mrs. W. R. Higgins and Mrs. W. F. McCullough.

Association: Walton was one of a family

of seventeen and has two octogenarian brothers living.

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Expenditures:

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Less discounts and refunds ..... \$32.16

Less sale surplus products ..... 45.90

Expenditures ..... \$1,777.76

To balance 30th November, 1908 ..... \$1,860.48

"Annual subscriptions ..... \$1,888.70

"Annual per ladies' committee ..... 35.90

"Proceeds of entertainments ..... 344.55

"Donations ..... 135.65

"Bequests ..... 9.25

"Interest on bank accounts, rents, etc. ..... 1,101.86

"Board of children ..... 1,624.90

"On account sale of Rae street property ..... \$1,500.00

Less commission ..... 575.00

Expenditures ..... \$9,924.40

To balance 30th November, 1909 ..... \$1,223.06

"Loan per B. C. Land & Investment Agency ..... 1,500.00

"Balance in hand ..... \$1,999.75

"Balance on hand ..... 21.00

Less special trust fund ..... 23.00

Expenditures ..... \$9,924.40

To balance 30th November, 1910 ..... \$1,223.06

"Loan per B. C. Land & Investment Agency ..... 1,500.00

"Balance in hand ..... \$1,999.75

"Balance on hand ..... 21.00

Less special trust fund ..... 23.00

Expenditures ..... \$9,924.40

To balance 30th November, 1911 ..... \$1,223.06

"Loan per B. C. Land & Investment Agency ..... 1,500.00

"Balance in hand ..... \$1,999.75

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Less special trust fund ..... 23.00

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Less special trust fund ..... 23.00

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"Balance in hand ..... \$1,999.75

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Less special trust fund ..... 23.00

## NORTHERN CROWN BANK

Head Office—Winnipeg.

## DIVIDEND NOTICE NO. 6.

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of two and one-half per cent upon the paid up capital stock of this institution has been declared for the half year ending December 31st, 1908, being at the rate of five per cent. per annum, and that the same will be payable at its banking house in this city, and at all of its Branches on and after the 3rd day of January next to all shareholders of record of the 15th day of December, 1908.

By order of the Board,

R. CAMPBELL,  
General Manager.

Winnipeg, 23rd Nov., 1908.

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## THE BANK OF MONTREAL

The ninety-second annual general meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was held in the Board Room of the Institution yesterday, at noon.

There were present: Sir Edward Clouston, Bart., vice-president and general manager; Sir William Macdonald, Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy, Hon. Robert Mackay, Messrs. A. Baumgarten, R. B. Angus, E. B. Green-shields, David Morrice, Hon. J. K. Ward, G. F. C. Smith, Lieut.-Col. Prevost, James Kirby, K. C.; C. J. Fleet, K. C.; John Patterson, Alfred Piddington, George R. Hooper, B. A. Boas, George Durnford, Hugh Paton, H. Dobell, W. H. Evans, G. Scott, H. Joseph and J. Taylor.

In consequence of the absence of the President, Sir George Drummond, K. C. M. G., through indisposition, Mr. R. B. Angus moved that the Vice-President and General Manager, Sir Edward Clouston, take the chair.

This was seconded by Mr. E. B. Green-shields, and unanimously concurred in, after which it was resolved, on motion of Mr. Hugh Paton, seconded by Lieut.-Colonel Prevost: "That the following be appointed to act as scrutineers: Messrs. G. F. C. Smith and George R. Hooper; and that Mr. James Aird be secretary of the meeting."

## THE DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors have pleasure in presenting the Report showing the result of the Bank's business for the year ended 30th October, 1908.

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st October, 1908. \$ 217,828.56

Profits for the year end 30th October, 1908, after deducting charges of management, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts. \$ 185,167.74

Dividend 2½ per cent. paid 1st March, 1908. \$ 243,796.30

Dividend 2½ per cent. paid 1st June, 1908. \$ 260,000.00

Dividend 2½ per cent. paid 1st Sept., 1908. \$ 260,000.00

Dividend 2½ per cent. payable 1st Dec., 1908. \$ 146,000.00

Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward. \$ 603,796.30

Since the last Annual Meeting Branches have been opened at Three Rivers, P.Q., Weyburn, Sask., Oakwood, Ont., Moose Jaw, Sask., Outlook, Sask., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Sub-agencies at Merritt, B.C., Cloverdale, B.C., Spring Coulee, Alta., and Bathurst, Street, Toronto.

The Branches at Grimsby, Ont., and Millbrook, Ont., have been closed.

With deep regret the Directors have to record the death of their esteemed colleague, A. T. Peterson, who had been a member of the Board for upwards of twenty-eight years.

The vacancy on the Board has been filled by the election of Mr. A. Baumgarten.

All the Offices of the Bank, including the Head Office, have been inspected during the year.

G. A. DRUMMOND,  
President.

Bank of Montreal,  
6th December, 1908.

## THE GENERAL STATEMENT.

The General Statement of the Bank on 30th October, 1908, was read as follows:

## LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock. \$ 14,400,000.00

Rest. \$ 12,000,000.00

Balance of Profits carried forward. \$ 603,796.30

Unclaimed Dividends. \$ 2,589.51

Quarterly Dividend, payable 1st December, 1908. \$ 260,000.00

Notes of the Bank in circulation. \$ 27,366,376.81

Deposits not bearing interest. \$ 13,245,289.00

Deposits bearing interest. \$ 31,401,238.27

Balances due to other Banks in Canada. \$ 128,445,208.58

Bank of Montreal, 30th October, 1908. \$ 134,648.04

ASSETS.

Gold and Silver coin current. \$ 3,462,362.05

Government demand notes. \$ 12,400,587.00

Deposit with Dominion Government required by Act of Parliament for security of general bank note circulation. \$ 600,000.00

Due and unpaid debts of this bank and other banks in Great Britain. \$ 8,719,654.41

Due by agents of this bank and other banks in foreign countries. \$ 7,425,678.78

Call and Short Loans in Great Britain and United States. \$ 77,212,382.00

Dominion and Provincial Government Securities. \$ 36,357,718.19

Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks. \$ 1,445,570.61

Notes and Cheques of other Banks. \$ 9,575,908.66

Bank Premises at Montreal and Branches. \$ 2,501.23

Current Loans and Discounts in Canada and elsewhere (Trade interest reserved) and other assets. \$ 31,173,626.56

Debts secured by mortgage or otherwise. \$ 143,552.13

Overdue debts not specially secured (loss provided for). \$ 82,294.27

Bank of Montreal, 30th October, 1908. \$ 209,582,746.70

E. S. CLOUSTON,  
General Manager.

The Vice-PRESIDENT.

The Vice-President then spoke as follows:

The most important change from last year in the statement submitted to you is the usually large increase in deposits, amounting to \$36,000,000. Part of it is temporary, pending large payments in connection with special transactions, part is the natural increase from depositors as a result of the prosperous condition and affairs in this country, but the largest portion of the increase arises from money brought into Canada from other countries. It is quite possible that if the apprehensions expressed in many quarters as to the consequence of the new methods of British taxation are realized, deposits from this last source will be still further enlarged. It is very important therefore, that nothing should be done in Canada by injudicious legislation, the exploitation of doubtful enterprises, or otherwise, to stop this flow of capital. Our call loans have increased by about the same amount as our deposits, and what is not necessary to retain as a portion of our reserves, will be gradually brought into the country to meet commercial requirements as they arise.

The profits are some \$130,000 less than last year, but considering the low rates ruling for the greater part of our fiscal year in London and New York the result may be regarded as satisfactory. I am glad to say that the outlook for the coming year, or at least for the earlier months, is more promising, and I shall be much disappointed if we do not make a better showing when next we meet.

The rapidity of the recovery of trade from the set-back following the monetary crisis in the United States two years ago has been as striking as it is satisfactory. Conditions to-day are, as a whole, excellent. The large harvest gathered in the Northwestern Provinces in itself affords a basis for active and profitable business for some time to come. How considerable a factor in the commercial life of Canada the agricultural output of our Northwest has become may be realized from the fact that the yield of wheat, oats and barley is this year 313,825,000 bushels, as compared with 232,620,000 bushels in 1908, 160,000,000 bushels in 1907, or 32,000,000 in 1906.

Immigration has picked up after the short relapse in 1908, the estimate of the number of new settlers this year being 150,000, about one-half of whom are experienced farmers who have moved into our Northwest from the United States. The evidences of expanding trade, accumulating wealth, and material progress and development might be cited at great length, and a pleasant picture painted of our happy condition. There are, however, dangers to be avoided, and never more so than when the outlook is so bright and inspiring. A tendency to over-speculation in real estate in some parts of Canada is already apparent, and this, like other forms of gambling, can bring only disaster when the inevitable crash comes.

The marketing of wheat has been quite prompt, and the railways have had no difficulty in moving the crop. In the ten weeks to November 14th, there had been inspected in the Northwest 43,560,000 bushels, being 10,300,000 bushels more than in the corresponding

granting credits and by avoidance of wild-cat ventures and exploitations on the high reputation Canada enjoys in the British money market, can we reasonably anticipate a continuance of the prosperity now enjoyed?

There is only one other observation I desire to make. As you are aware, the decennial revision of the Bank Act will take place during the present session of Parliament. In one or two respects changes of a more or less technical character will be found necessary, but the Act has been so thoroughly revised in the past, it withstood so staunchly the trials of 1907, and its operation has been found to conform so admirably to the requirements of trade and the interests of a rapidly developing country, that I hardly think it likely that any material change will be made.

In our note circulation we have a system which enables us by its elasticity to carry out the heavy autumnal demands without creating any monetary stringency; and to show how valuable it is to the whole business community. I need only point to the fact that we are moving the large crop of the Northwest with great ease and without any advance in rates to our commercial customers.

I beg to move: "That the report of the Directors now read be adopted and printed for distribution among the shareholders."

This was seconded by Mr. E. B. Green-shields, and unanimously adopted.

Mr. H. Joseph then moved: "That the thanks of the meeting be presented to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their attention to the interests of the Bank."

Mr. C. J. Fleet seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy moved: "That the thanks of the meeting be given to the General Manager, the Assistant General Manager, the Inspectors, the Managers and other officers of the Bank for their services during the past year."

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Morrice, and was unanimously carried.

Sir Edward Clouston expressed acknowledgement on behalf of himself and fellow-officers.

THE DIRECTORS.

The ballot for the election of directors was then proceeded with. The scrutineers appointed for the purpose reported the following gentlemen duly elected:

R. B. ANGUS,  
A. BAUMGARTEN,  
SIR EDWARD CLOUSTON, BART.,  
HON. SIR GEORGE DRUMMOND,  
K.C.M.G., C.V.O.

E. B. GREENSHIELDS,  
CHARLES R. HOSMER,  
SIR WILLIAM C. MACDONALD,  
HON. ROBERT MACKAY,

DAVID MORRICE,  
JAMES ROSS,  
SIR THOMAS G. SHAUGHNESSY,  
G.C.V.O.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD STRATHCONA AND MOUNT ROYAL, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.

At a meeting of the Directors, held later, the Right Hon. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., was elected Honorary President. Hon. Sir George Drummond, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., president, and Sir Edward Clouston, Bart., Vice-President.

## SECRET COMMISSIONS

## LEAD TO THE PRISON

Effect of New Law is Drawn to Attention of Board of Trade.

The secretary of the board of trade is in receipt of a communication from the Toronto board of trade, calling attention to the Secret Commissions act which was passed by the Dominion parliament last session on the initiative of the minister of justice as an outcome of Judge Caselli's inquiry into the affairs of the department of marine and fisheries.

The object of this act is to prevent the acceptance of commissions or what is popularly termed "a rake-off."

The act is entitled "an act to prevent the payment or acceptance of illicit commissions and other like practices." It applies to all persons who act for a principal, whether that principal is the crown, a municipality or a business firm, and the "consideration" is defined as including all valuable consideration of any kind.

It is a criminal offence for an agent to accept or ask, or attempt to obtain, for himself or anyone, any gift or consideration as an inducement or reward for any act affecting his principal's business. It is equally an offence on the part of anyone who offers or gives such consideration, or who gives any false document intended

## REPORTED BATTLE IN NICARAGUA

### ZELAYA PROMISES TO RESIGN PRESIDENCY

Proposes Madriz as Successor — Latter Not Popular in Republic.

New York, Dec. 15.—Report here is that a great battle between Zelaya and Estrada is taking place to-day. The rebels are said to have taken the initiative.

Proposed Protectorate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The state department is seriously considering establishing a protectorate over Nicaragua, either alone or with Mexico.

The battleship Missouri is held ready to be sent from Newport News at a moment's notice.

Zelaya's Proposals.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Yesterday's dispatches containing an account of the anti-Zelaya demonstration in Managua were confirmed by a telegram received at the state department from Vice-Consul Calder. From this dispatch, which was dated yesterday morning, it appears that some of the demonstrators were arrested by government authorities, but who the people placed under arrest were is not indicated.

The dispatch also says that Zelaya has published a statement promising to resign the presidency of Nicaragua in favor of Madriz, who as Zelaya's candidate is not the choice of the people there.

In the absence of any specific information on the subject the state department officials discredit the news published some days ago of any important engagements between the government and revolutionary forces at Rama, in which the revolutionary army is said to have been defeated. The fact that the government has received no information on the subject is regarded as almost proof positive that no engagements have taken place at Rama.

Should Zelaya carry out his purpose of resigning and installing Madriz in his place as president there is reason to believe that the Estrada faction would continue their activities with even greater vigor than they have against Zelaya.

The people of Nicaragua, it is said, cannot look for better conditions under Madriz's administration than under Zelaya's, as he is known to be a strong partisan of the former, although he himself has been a number of times in prison by Zelaya's direction.

It is also known that Madriz's selection would not be satisfactory to the government of the United States, and therefore his installation into the office of president of Nicaragua would rather tend to complicate than to simplify the situation in that country.

Postpone Investigation.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary of State Knox has requested the senate committee on foreign relations to postpone the suggested investigation of the Nicaraguan situation until such time as things shall have been evaluated so as to enable him to give the committee a clear understanding of Central American affairs.

Disorders in Capital.

Corinto, Nicaragua, Dec. 15.—There were scenes of wild disorder in Managua, the capital, to-day. During a meeting of the aldermen one of them made a speech denouncing Madriz and favoring the revolution. The speech was greeted with cheers and hooting, and a free fight among the government and anti-government elements followed. Two pistol shots were fired. The row extended to the streets. Twenty arrests were made.

**PLEDGE SUPPORT TO THE LIBERALS**

Nationalist Convention Endorse Resolution Adopted by Executive.

Dublin, Dec. 15.—The Nationalist convention opened to-day with John Redmond presiding. A resolution adopted by the party committee yesterday pledging support to the Liberals in the coming general election was unanimously endorsed.

Timothy Healy and a handful of dissenters were not present.

Predict Liberal Victory.

London, Dec. 15.—F. R. Brassey, speaking at a Conservative meeting at Boshill, predicted the return of the Liberal government. There would be a considerable turnover of votes in England. It was possible there might be a Conservative majority, but the utmost they could hope to win in Scotland was eight or ten seats; in Wales one or two; while in Ireland there would be no change at all. The result would be that the present government would be returned to power with a majority dependent on the Irish, Scotch and Welsh votes.

**NEW CHIEF OF STAFF**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Major General Leonard Wood, now in command of the department of the East, will be the next chief of staff of the United States army. Secretary of War Dickinson made this announcement to-day. General Wood will succeed General J. Franklin Bell, whose term at the head of the general staff will expire next spring.

**CARPET WEAVERS STRIKE**

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 15.—Employees of the Brussels weaving department of the carpet factory, numbering 88 men, are on strike and that department is closed up as a result of a dispute regarding the payment of overtime.

## TEN KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

### FOUR CARS GO DOWN EMBANKMENT

Thirty-five Passengers Also Sustain Injuries—Coaches Fall Into Creek.

Ridellville, N. C., Dec. 15.—Before most of the passengers in two sleeping cars had been awakened and while the occupants of two passenger coaches were just beginning to stir after a night's ride, the four rear cars of train No. 11, of the Southern railway, were dashed down a fifty-foot embankment from Reed Fork trestle, ten miles from here, and twelve miles north of Greensboro, killing ten men and injuring thirty-five other passengers.

The cars that left the track landed in the small creek that flowed beneath the trestle.

The wildest scene of panic prevailed as the sleeping passengers attempted to escape from the cars amid the scene of death.

The names of those reported killed were: John A. Broadnax, of Greenville, N. C.; V. E. Halcomb, a lawyer, of Mount Aird, N. C.; Edward Sexton, of Denton, N. S.; Frank W. Kirby, formerly of Portsmouth, Va., whose present address is not known; A. P. Cone, superintendent of the Richmond division of the Southern railway; D. C. Nolan, conductor of one of the Pullman cars; C. H. White, travelling auditor for the Southern railway; and a stage man whose name could not be ascertained.

The names of the other two reported killed are unknown.

George Gould, the New York millionaire, and his son were passengers, in one of the sleeping cars bound from Norfolk to Thomasville, N. C. They were both slightly injured.

The wrecked train was operated locally between Richmond and Atlanta, Georgia, and carried sleepers from Richmond to Charlotte and from Norfolk to Charlotte.

At the Reed Creek trestle after the engine and the mail and two baggage cars had passed over the trestle in safety, the two coaches and two sleepers were derailed from some defect which has not been ascertained.

The injured passengers and trainmen were taken to St. Luke's hospital, Greensboro, N. C., where they were cared for.

Fiamond Babby, of Richmond, was probably fatally hurt, while Conductor G. R. Goble, of Richmond, was slightly injured and had a narrow escape from drowning.

Sixteen Reported Killed.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 15.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon a report reached here from Ridellville that 16 people were killed in the wreck on the Southern railway near there. Ten bodies had been removed from the wreck at noon, but it is said there are other bodies now under the second sleeper which is entirely demolished and under water.

A coroner's jury was empanelled and left at noon for the scene of the wreck.

**LEOPOLD AGAIN IN GRAVE CONDITION**

Feeling in Brussels is Pessimistic in Spite of Official Statement.

Paris, Dec. 15.—A special dispatch to the Temps from Brussels says:

"King Leopold is doomed. Before the operation was undertaken the physicians were in doubt whether he was suffering from simple intestinal obstruction, which an operation would relieve, or from paralysis of the intestines for which there was no remedy. Since the operation there has been no sign of intestinal activity, and this has led the doctors to conclude that the organ is paralyzed."

Change for Worse.

Brussels, Dec. 15.—In spite of reports made officially regarding King Leopold this morning and the assurance that the royal patient had passed a fair night, the general feeling is pessimistic.

Dr. Depage remained at the bedside throughout the night, while two nurses were at hand to wait upon his majesty. The latter, however, was obstinate and insisted that his faithful valet Bajart alone should attend to his wants. Dr. Gossens comes and goes at regular intervals and sees to it that the king does not waste his strength in interviews and conversations. Countess Longay, the king's second daughter, arrived here to-day, but it is rumored that she will not be permitted to see her father because of his weakness.

This evening there appears to be no immediate danger of death, but the king has experienced a return of an intestinal complaint, and it is feared that this will militate against the ultimate success of yesterday's operation. It is reported that Leopold declined to see his daughter, Stephanie.

Brief reports from the sick chamber are disappointing. The day is in keeping with the prevailing pessimism. The air is cold and raw, and a heavy snowfall is drifting in the streets. A handful of newspaper men braved the storm to-day and kept watch before those near the royal summer palace, where the monarch of the Belgians is making a desperate battle for his life.

Death Appears Imminent.

Brussels, Dec. 15.—(Later.)—The death of King Leopold appears imminent. He has had a distinct relapse and is now being kept alive through artificial means.

**FIRE IN TORONTO**

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Fire, which broke out again after being left by the firemen, destroyed a block on the northeast corner of Church and Front streets. The loss amounts to \$150,000.

## CONSIDERING G. T. P. WHARVES

### BOARD OF TRADE DEALS WITH QUESTION

Official of G. T. P. Met With Harbor Committee This Morning.

G. A. McNicholl, purchasing agent of the G. T. P., is in the city to-day conferring with the harbor committee of the board of trade relative to the company's proposed wharves in the inner harbor. Mr. McNicholl has come to the city at the request of the board of trade for this very purpose, bringing with him plans of the proposed work.

Mr. McNicholl explained the situation, showing that the length of the hour among shipping men on the coast. It is reported that three steamers, under charter to load coal at Newcastle for San Francisco port, have been canceled owing to the impossibility of getting cargoes.

The French barque Jacobus was under charter to load at Newcastle for the Sound, but her charter was canceled a week ago. The British steamer Harfeur had about half a cargo loaded for Honolulu when the strike came on, and as she could get no more her load was sold and she is lying idle at the Australian port under time charter.

It was stated yesterday that the Western Fuel Company had chartered the British steamer Beagle from the Robert Dollar Company to load coal at Oyster Harbor for San Francisco, and that the Belle of Scotland had been taken by another firm for similar business, although this latter rumor could not be verified.

In the meantime the G. T. P. will continue with its call for tenders for the work. The time has been extended for receiving tenders until December 27th.

### NATIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE

New Manager of Philadelphia Club Makes Statement Regarding Ownership.

New York, Dec. 15.—While the National Baseball League directors were considering the recent transfer of the Philadelphia club ownership, Horace Fogel, the club's new manager, issued a statement in which he gave the names of the men who now control the Philadelphia club ownership.

The fixture of the Celtic Monarch removes another ship from the fleet of disengaged sailers now on the Sound. She arrived on the Sound from Glasgow last August, and since discharging has lain idle at Quartermaster Harbor. Other vessels in the fleet have been idle for more than a year, and some for almost two years, and the Celtic Monarch is considered lucky in securing a fixture after but little more than three months of idleness.

The charter of the British ship Celtic Monarch, Capt. Lewellyn, to load lumber on Puget Sound for the west coast of South America has been announced.

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The cost of living was increasing because men were leaving the farms to seek life in the towns.

Chartering along the coast during the past week has been light. The San Francisco Daily Commercial News, in its weekly review of the charter market, says:

"The only grain fixture on the coast during the week was that of the German ship Elfrida taken to load barley at San Francisco at 17s 9d, a reduction of 6s from the union rate.

According to shippers at San Francisco and in the North, the export movement of grain from now on to the end of

the season will be extremely light.

Wheat at the present prices for export is practically impossible, and there is no likelihood of any change later in the season owing to the good

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HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO.  
D. R. WILKIE, General Manager.

CAPITAL AUTHORIZED \$16,000,000.00  
CAPITAL PAID UP 5,000,000.00  
RESERVE FUND 5,000,000.00

Every description of Banking Business transacted, including the issue of Letters of Credit and Drafts on Foreign Countries.

## Savings Bank Department

Interest allowed on deposits from date of deposit.

BRANCHES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA:  
ARROWHEAD, REVELSTOKE, NELSON, MICHEL,  
GOLDEN, CRANBROOK, VICTORIA, NEW MICHEL,  
MOYIE, KAMLOOPS, FERNIE, VICTORIAVictoria Branch, Cor. Government and Yates Streets  
J. S. GIBB, Manager.Useful Christmas Gifts  
Better Than "Fripperies"

ALCOHOL STOVES, \$1.25 and 75c.	KNIVES AND FORKS, \$7.50 to \$1.00.
ALCOHOL KETTLES, \$3.25. \$2.25 and \$1.75.	LANTERNS, \$1.35, \$1.25, \$1 and 90c.
BAKING DISHES, unrivaled values.	MOP WRINGERS, \$1 to 20c.
BATHROOM FIXTURES, \$7.50 to 25c.	NAIL CLIPPERS, 25c.
BIRD CAGES, prices popular. BREAD BOXES, just your price.	NICKLE-PLATED TEA AND COFFEE POTS.
CAKE MIXERS, fine values.	NUT-CRACKERS.
CARPET SWEEPERS, \$3.75.	OIL HEATERS, \$7 to 25c.
CARVING KNIVES, \$8.00 to \$2.00.	POCKET KNIVES, \$2.50 to 25c.
CEREAL COOKERS, big bargains.	RANGES, Moffett's "Canada," \$70 to \$60.
CLOTHES HANGERS, wide choice.	RAZORS, \$6 to \$1.
COFFEE PERCOLATORS, fine gift suggestions.	RAZOR STRIPS, all prices.
CORN POPPERS, 20c.	RAZOR BRUSHES.
CRUM TRAYS, \$1 to 60c.	ROAST PANS, \$2.50 to 25c.
CURTAIN STRETCHERS, \$3.25 and \$2.75.	SAD IRONS.
DOG COLLARS, \$2.50 to 40c.	SAFETY RAZORS, \$6 to \$1.
DOOR MATS from 45c.	SHAVING SOAP, 25c.
ENAMEL WARE at popular prices.	SHAVING SETS, grand values.
FOOD CHOPPERS, 75c.	SILVERWARE, Rogers 1847.
KITCHENWARE, all prices.	SPoons, \$4 to 25c.
MEAT CHOPPERS, \$2 to 75c.	STROPPERS for Safety Blades.

## DRAKE HARDWARE CO.

608 Yates Street.

Corner Government Street.



## CHRISTMAS BOX TO GO TO TRANQUILLE

Auxiliary Anti-Tuberculosis Society Will Send Gifts to Sanitorium.

A meeting of the Auxiliary Anti-Tuberculosis Society held this morning at the Balmoral hotel it was decided to send a Christmas box to the Tranquille sanatorium, where the presents will be distributed to the patients in that institution. The only other business before the meeting was that of receiving the accounts against the society from the recently Cafe Chantant which was held here and proved such a success. There are still a few bills to be received, and the society does not at present know just how it stands to a result, but it is expected that they will be several hundred dollars to the good. Another meeting will be held early in the new year for the purpose of passing upon the bills and also discussed other business which is now on hand.

**POWER OF NIAGARA FALLS.**  
A recent article in the Electrical World contains the following data relative to the utilization of the energy from Niagara Falls. Of the 5,000,000 horse-power represented by Niagara Falls, only about 5.5 per cent is being utilized. Of this, 12,500 horse-power is employed in electro-chemical processes, 56,300 horse-power for railway service, 36,400 horse-power for various industrial services, 12,300 horse-power is transmitted over more than one hundred miles, 35,500 horse-power between seventy-five miles and one hundred miles, 3,100 horse-power fifty miles, 3,640 horse-power between ten and thirty miles, while 145,400 horse-power is used locally, showing that many industries have been attracted to Niagara Falls because of the favorable electric power conditions to be found there.

## KITCHENER HAS GONE TO AUSTRALIA

Word was received yesterday by the steamer Monteagle that General Viscount Kitchener, after having received a splendid reception everywhere in the Orient, left Singapore on a Dutch steamer, going through the Dutch East Indies, in the neighborhood of which he was to have been met by H. M. Encounters on which he would continue his journey to Brisbane, Australia.

According to the Chinese newspapers, Gen. Kitchener is a different man to what he was a few years ago. He is no longer the immovable, inscrutable, heartless soldier which he was usually pictured to be, but is the genial, courteous, Irishman of tradition. He may have learned sunny ways from the people of the Celestial empire, but more probably the blood of his fathers is asserting itself.

## DYSPEPSIA, HEARTBURN, GAS AND OTHER MISERY FROM A BAD STOMACH VANISHES

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Pursuant to instructions from Ottawa Postmaster Shakespeare has notified box-holders of an increase in the scale of rent. From the first of the new year the rents will be \$4, \$6, \$8 and \$12, according to size, the higher price being for the large boxes for holding newspapers. The increase is understood to be general through the Dominion and is a grading of the boxes over the smaller size, which heretofore have all been one price, no matter what the size.

In the land, sneers at the just, condemns the brave, and blackens goodness in its grave."

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## THE WOMAN WITH THE SERPENT'S TONGUE?

William Watson Explains the Circumstances Which Inspired Poem.

William Watson, the English poet, whose last volume of verse has set all England gossiping, principally on account of the poem "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue" made the following signed statement to the New York Times, a summary of which appeared in these columns a few days ago:

"The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue" is a composite photograph of Mrs. Asquith and her stepdaughter Violet. The poem is a portrait of the physical characteristics of Mrs. Asquith. The latter is the voice of the family, and rules them all. Violet is the real official voice, speaking with authority.

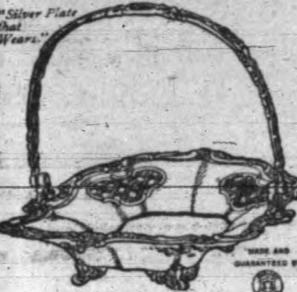
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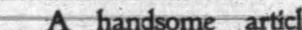


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STERLING MOUNTED SALAD SERVERS, pair \$4.00
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STERLING SILVER BUTTER KNIVES, at \$2.00 and \$1.75
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STERLING SILVER GRAVY LADLES, at \$5, \$4.50 and \$4.00
STERLING SILVER BABY SPOONS, at \$2.50 and \$1.50
STERLING SILVER SUGAR TONGS, at \$1.75 and \$1.50
STERLING SILVER BON-BON TONGS, at \$1.25

explain the circumstances under which the poem was written and the incidents which inspired it. The date on which this was written was June 29th this year.

"Last Friday week I happened to meet Mrs. Asquith and her stepdaughter, Miss Violet Asquith, at Stafford House. Miss Asquith asked me to come to tea at 10 Downing street on the following Tuesday. I called. While I was there a man crossed the garden. I said, 'Is that one of the secretaries?' Miss Violet Asquith said, 'Yes, that is Nash; that is the man who used to write C. B.'s speeches for him.'

"C. B. was the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. Asquith's predecessor as Prime Minister.

"Do you know, she continued, I have often wondered whether some of those phrases of C. B.'s that caught on so much, such as 'methods of barbarism' and that sort of nonsense, really came from C. B. or from Nash."

"I suppose I looked rather surprised. She said, 'Yes, and you know he appeared to think after he became Prime Minister, that the same sort of services would still be expected of him.'

"I laughed, of course, and although I was very much surprised at such reference to Mr. Asquith's predecessor in the Premiership. I preserved the politest demeanor possible and said, 'Well, with all respect to Mr. Nash, I suppose even the British public of ours would easily detect the difference between Mr. Asquith and Mr. Nash.'

"She said, 'Yes, no doubt they would; but I would like to tell you this:

Shortly after my father became Prime Minister he was going down to Scotland and Nash was seeing him off at the station, and just as the train was about to leave the platform Mr. Nash bowed in a very respectful manner. 'Perhaps this will be of some use to you.' My father put it aside at the time and forgot it, and then some time after he said: 'Perhaps we had better look at this and see what it is,' so he opened it and found it was a speech prepared for him by Mr. Nash.

"I said, 'Your father must have been frightfully annoyed, surely?'

"She said, 'Well, what troubled him most about it was this, that he wanted to make it quite clear to Nash that this sort of thing was no longer necessary, but he felt it would be difficult to say it in a way that would not hurt his feelings.'

"This was an honest man, who spoke the truth.

The bated truth, whether men heard or no.

He stood for honor, justice, courage, truth.

He is gone—and they, too, go.

"I wrote to Miss Asquith, saying that I had improvised a little tribute (the lines quoted above) to the memory of the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, that great-hearted man." I said, "whose mere phrase 'methods of barbarism' did so much to waken the drugged conscience of England." I added, "It shall be delighted to write it in your book, if you ever care to give me the opportunity." I posted the letter

and the quatrain to her very late that night, and she certainly would not receive it until the following morning. Within, I should think, a couple of hours of its delivery, I received, to my great astonishment—for I thought, I had done the most unforgivable insult, at this family—a letter from Mrs. Asquith herself, in which she said:

"Dear Mr

# News of GREATER BRITAIN



## United Kingdom

### NAVAL ACTION IN WAR.

LONDON.  
At a meeting at the Royal United Service Institution, the other day, Douglas Owen, the lecturer, remarked that it was impossible to estimate, and difficult to overestimate, the national distress, and consequently the national dangers, that were likely to arise from a food panic arising at the moment when we found ourselves plunged into war. Advancing propositions to meet the case, he suggested that in case of urgent need we should be prepared to intercept and bring in any neutral vessels carrying food supplies, paying such compensation as the facts might warrant; and that on the outbreak of war no vessel whether British or neutral, should be allowed to carry food supplies from any port in the British dominions to other than a United Kingdom port.

A discussion followed, during which Professor Holland said he thought the suggestions of the lecturer were of a somewhat startling character. No doubt, under the stress of a food panic we should have to do something very strong, but it was inadmissible that we should sail north into the Channel and take hold of neutral vessels.

Commander Coborne remarked that when war broke out our soldiers and sailors would have to come to the front and the upholders of international law would have to take a back seat.

Admiral Close remarked that if he was in command of a frigate in the Channel, knew his fellow subjects were starving, and he came across a ship laden with corn—did they suppose he would think about international law? (Laughter.) No! He would "turn her in." (Laughter and heat, heat.)

The chairman, summing up the discussion, remarked that naval action in war must be guided to a certain extent by international law. "But," he added, "where we find we cannot do that we should have to break the law."

### USES OF AVIATION.

#### LONDON.

At the Authors' Club dinner a discussion took place on aeronautics. Mr. Moore-Brabazon predicted that the commercial possibilities of aeroplanes were going to be seen in South Africa, Australia, and South America, and in those countries where there were no roads, because they would be able to fly over rocky ground, forests, rivers, and mountains.

C. S. Rolls, on the other hand, said that, with regard to the future, he was not a great believer in the commercial possibilities of the aeroplane for a long time to come. Neither did he believe that a person would be able to go into the street and blow four whistles for an aerotaxi. Nor did he believe in the invasion of England by aeroplanes, nor in the landing of large armies by that means. On the other hand, the fact that there was a large highway in the air already made and waiting to be used would undoubtedly prove of great value, and there would be a considerable number of machines sold for sporting purposes, because the fact that there were no police traps and at present no taxes offered a considerable attraction from the sporting side (laughter).

The real value of flying machines would lie in their military use, as in reconnoitring they would be invaluable. He was convinced that dirigible balloons must take an important part in the next European war, and that the dropping of explosives would be an accomplished fact. Mr. Rolls emphasised the fact that, from an aeronautical point of view, Great Britain was no longer an island, for with the establishment of German airship stations close to the coast, crossing the Channel would be a mere incident in the flight of an airship. Undoubtedly the best protection against foreign airships was to have them ourselves.

### No Church Politics.

In opening the Diocesan Conference at Liverpool the Bishop said that the two social problems which the church had to face were intemperance and impurity. While they thanked God that drunkenness was decreasing among men, they profoundly mourned that it was increasing among women. There were whole neighborhoods literally sodden with drink, where the clergy and laity were doing little or nothing to remedy the evil.

He uttered a note of warning against the identifying of the church with one of the great parties of the state, as it included men of every political color. It must trounce to none, and its clergy must not preach party politics from the pulpit.

### Taximeter Hansoms.

The drivers of London's horse-drawn cabs, hard hit by the motor cabs and the failure of the recent attempt on a small scale to bring in a sixpence a mile fare, are in desperate plight. The tentative adoption of a registering taximeter on their cabs was a failure owing, it is affirmed, to lack of unanimous action, and at a meeting last night of the cabmen who live in South London members of the local branch of the London Cabdrivers' Trade Union—it was agreed that their only hope of salvation lay in the adoption of a taximeter by all the horse-drawn cabs of London.

Speakers after speaker declared that, as things were drifting now, the end must quickly come. "Let it be a death struggle with the motors," said one, "by our all putting on the taximeter."

The resolution adopted was in favor of an initial fare of sixpence.

A campaign is to be arranged to secure complete unanimity between masters and men all over London before final action is taken.

## South Africa

### TREASURY RETURNS.

#### PIETERMARITZBURG.

The publication of the treasury returns indicates that Natal will enter the union in the most favorable financial condition. Never perhaps in the history of the colony has the outlook been brighter. Not only is the trade and commerce of the country in a most flourishing condition, but the agricultural industry is showing greater activity than ever before. Good rains have fallen in the country districts in the past few days.

Speaking in the legislative assembly, Col. the Hon. E. M. Greene, K.C., Minister for Railways, said that the government railroads would be absolutely the most prosperous and best railway assets brought into the Union.

### Fighting Cattle Fever.

The government is determined to spare no effort or expense in fighting the cattle fever. The sum of £400,000 is to be provided for this purpose. Up to the present time quite £300,000 has been spent in keeping the herds of Natal free from the disease.

### Export of Grain.

An inter-state South African Conference is to be held shortly to organize the export of grain for the ensuing year.

### Manhood Suffrage.

The legislature assembly has rejected the Manhood Suffrage Bill. In view of the near approach of federation, it is considered that the question of franchise should be left to the Union parliament.

### NATAL RAILWAYS.

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#### PIETERMARITZBURG.

Official statements have been published showing the apportionment of earnings and expenditure to main and branch lines of the Natal government railway for the year ended June 30th last.

The total earnings were £1,558,623, as against £1,598,588 for the preceding year, and the expenditure £1,222,629, as against £1,284,084. The earnings were made up as follows:—Passenger traffic £590,159; parcel traffic, £57,461; general minerals, and live stock £1,402,989; mails and miscellaneous £52,491; and the expenditure is divided as follows:

Maintenance of ways and works £178,788; locomotive power, £45,158; carriages and wagons (repairs and renewals), £173,626; traffic expenses £341,960; general charges, £70,097. Interest charges on capital amounted to £54,007. The net profit for the year was £182,987, as against £112,176. The working expenditure was 64.76 per cent. of the earnings.

The estimates for the year ended June 30th, next, provide for a sum of £4,937,850, including consolidated revenue fund £3,144,786, and consolidated loans £962,070. The following amounts are required from the loan funds:—Agricultural works, £64,287; public works, £176,325; railway works, £382,357; railway construction, £293,948; harbor works, £61,173; telegraphs, £14,940; and Natal's share of the expenses of the Natal Convention, £844, of which £294 has already been paid. In the agricultural vote is a sum of £10,000 for fencing.

### GREAT WHEAT YIELD.

## Australia

### KITCHENER'S VISIT.

#### MELBOURNE.

It has been arranged in connection with the visit of Field-Marshal Viscount Kitchener this month that Major General Head, C.M.G., Inspector-General of the Commonwealth Military Forces, shall go to Port Darwin to meet him, and tender the first welcome of the government. Lord Kitchener will arrive by steamer from the east, and he will trans-ship at the Northern Territory port into H. M. cruiser Encounter, which will have previously arrived with General Head on board.

During the long voyage through the Northern tropical seas and down the coast of Queensland, the great leader will have the advantage of the company of Australia's most experienced soldiers. Inspection will be made of the fortifications and garrison at Thursday Island, and at various points along the coast. At Brisbane members of the Federal Ministry will be present to give an official welcome to the distinguished visitor.

Camps of Inspection.

The military authorities are arranging for a series of eight-day inspection camps in each of the states. Altogether there will be about 22,000 soldiers in attendance at these camps, and, it is expected, nearly 100,000 cadets, rifle club members, and other unattached bodies.

### Naval Agreement.

The naval agreement arrived at by the Empire Defence Conference has been ratified by the House of Representatives without a discussion. It is stated on the authority of the Melbourne Age that the government are about to introduce a Naval Loan Bill to empower them to borrow £4,000,000 for the purposes of the new scheme.

### NOTED CRICKETER'S POST.

#### ADELAIDE.

J. N. Crawford, the famous Surrey county cricketer, has accepted a post as master of St. Peter's College, Adelaide. He will be quite a welcome acquisition to Australian cricket. It is hoped that he will arrive in time to play for South Australia in the interstate matches during the present season.

### Popular Governor.

Admiral Sir Day Hart Bosanquet, the governor, is making himself extremely popular here by his practice of paying visits to the country districts in various parts of the state. By this means he has soon made himself familiar with the resources of South Australia.

That he is favorably impressed by his observations is shown by the flattering remarks he made at the Mount Gambier Agricultural Society's show.

The agricultural prosperity of the districts he had visited, said his excellency, was wonderful. He predicted an enviable future for the fortunate residents of Mount Gambier, which was not only rich in the agricultural sense, but possessed beautiful scenery.

### DAILY EXPRESS.

#### ADELAIDE.

The agricultural and pastoral outlook in this state is excellent. According to a reliable estimate the wheat harvest this year will exceed 20,000,000 bushels. This will be an average of over 11½ bushels per acre, and should leave available for export nearly 17,000,000 bushels. The harvest prospects are daily improving.

### WORK OF MISSIONARIES.

#### PERTH.

Replying to a deputation of missionaries, the Premier, the Hon. N. J. Moore, said the State spent £2,000 a year on the aborigines. He had regretfully come to the conclusion that the missions were unsuccessful, and that the natives were better off under state control.

**Wheat Harvest.**

The latest forecast of the wheat harvest is 5,000,000 bushels, but the recent rains and the improvement in general conditions may very easily bring about a substantial increase in this total.

Albany as Port of Call?

The state legislature assembly has carried a resolution requesting the Commonwealth government to add Albany as a port of call for mail steamers under the new contract with the Orient company, but as this agreement was signed in November, 1907, and named Fremantle only as the Western Australian stopping place, a vital alteration at this stage is generally regarded as impracticable.

### New Goldfields.

Parties of Western Australian prospectors are now travelling from Derby and Broome to the new Tanami gold-fields in the Northern territory of South Australia. It is expected that deep alluvial will be found in the flats of this field when they are properly prospected.

### Sensational crushings of gold ore.

According to figures just published, the trade of New Zealand is in an all-round flourishing condition. During the financial year 1908-9 the exports exceeded the imports by £1,000,000. The splendid prices realized at the sale of the season's wool clip should go far towards putting the internal business of the country on a thoroughly sound footing.

On the suggestion of the Premier, the Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, the House of Representatives has agreed to the substitution of a 2½ per cent. surtax on the present import duty in place of the present prime duty of 1 per cent. This will save considerable inconvenience to importers.

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#### NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT.

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Dated this 14th day of December, A.D. 1909.

CAMERON LUMBER COMPANY, LIMITED.

Per D. O. CAMERON, Secretary.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT" (BEING CHAPTER 115 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, 1906).

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon part of and in front of lots 52A and 52B, Victoria, in the Province of Ontario, with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate of each in the office of the Registrar-General of Titles at Victoria, British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date of said application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof.

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*What Other People Think*

AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor: During a residence of several years I found no difficulty in discovering that comparative stagnation reigned in Victoria until the year 1908. And that 1908 and 1909 brought about very remarkable changes for the better throughout the entire city. The magic wand was firmly held and wielded, with marked discretion during that period by a level headed, fearless man, who, to our regret is about to vacate the civic chair.

But the rough he has made smooth for his successor, who, like the vivacious tyro, can now successfully handle the reins, without fear of many practical mistakes. He has given to the city many lasting monuments in iron, stone, concrete and cleanliness. The Victoria baby of to-day tipples over them amidst a population of not more than 40,000; and again purchase, with feeble steps in 1909 when the population amounts to 200,000; as the plans and work of our passing mayors are not "shoddy." It was not he who placed the monuments on Quail's cemetery, in a row, far removed from the resting place of the "ashes" they were intended to mark, for the guidance of sorrowing relatives, who return (as on a recent occasion) to place a wreath in memoriam, not on a distant stone, but on the actual spot where the body was interred.

Well, we will wish him God speed, and still more increased professional demands upon his time. A large majority would keep him another year in the chair if he wished to stay. "Better bear the ill we have, than fly to those we know not of." It seems there is something astray here with the application, although the quotation is certainly correct.

But let go-he will know what I mean.

AN ACQUAINTANCE.

A WORKINGMAN'S VIEWS.

To the Editor: I read with interest the letter in last night's Times signed "K. S. G." who tells us that the workingman's wife is the person who needs cheap labor most. Now, I belong to the working class, and get my \$2.50 per day, the average rate of pay in this city. I am subject to the competition of the Chinaman, and I contend the more the Chinaman gets, the more will the white man get. The less the Chinaman gets the less will the white man get. A true workingman's wife (not one of the "K. S. G." stamp, who employs the Chinaman to do the house-work, laundry and cooking), does not need the Chinaman, as it is a pleasure for her to have her husband come home to a nice, clean house and cheerful fire, and a good wholesome supper cooked by herself, while the hearty greeting and few words of praise she receives from him will do more to make her happy than the service of a dozen Chinese. Then, again, a workingman cannot afford to employ a Chinaman, and often when times are bad the wife is compelled to go out to work for some of the rich so that she and her husband may have food to eat. The average workingman who went home and found the Oriental cooking his supper would take him by the pigtail and sling him outside. "K. S. G." says thank goodness the Chinaman breeds in China and the little you pay him going out of the country towards that family's support is not a flea bite to the service he renders you.

Well "K. S. G." since you have been so frank as to tell us that, just apply it to the white man who breeds in Canada and you won't be far wrong. But drop that head tax business. If you want a Chinaman I will get you fifty on two days' notice.

J. T.

MORE ABOUT ORIENTALS.

To the Editor: Your correspondent "A. B. C." writes as if the free entry of Chinese was something new instead of being the old bad way, tried and found wanting. They had a tough time in Australia until they restricted them.

Cheap cooks and stable hands may be very desirable for such as "A. B. C.", irrespective of consequences, but this country has a few things to think about as well as that.

As for the suppositious buyer of a property and his question, "What about servants?" If it ever happened he must have been a remarkably ignorant man. I admire the other gentleman, who said his wife was not to be a slave, but perhaps he would like some one else to fill that temporal office. Black, white or yellow would not matter.

Did "A. B. C." ever think how much larger Victoria would be if every Chinaman was replaced by a white, in all the mills and other places? Now we are all more or less interested in the growth of the city. Whites would want a decent house to live in. They would not herd it in a room, like our Mongolian friends do. This would mean trade all round and help to build up the country.

If there is one thing Canada does not want it is the man who comes here with a suit case, the here-to-day-and

trying to obstruct a means of relief from these monopolistic and burdensome conditions. God save Victoria! SELF-PRESERVATION.

HELPIN'

To the Editor: Well, sir, I give up. Maybe you don't know I was pickin' out place for the landin' of the ferry from Englishtown's Bluff? Yes, sir, and I went over to get a pointer from James Bay, but they told me they couldn't spare the room and didn't think there was any. Then I went to the board of trade and I got a pittin' smile, and they said if I knew the t-r-rable they were havin' tryin' to get the Grand Trunk landed on its own property I'd know better than to come to them. When I got to the Dock Association they threatened to sic the dog on me if I dared mention the idea of anyone disturbin' their equilibrium. So I went to Parliament Square and I raised a big laugh on me, that's all I did raise. Sure they said, "I would be time enough in ten years from now."

After that, though it was discouraging, I tried the city council and was referred to a committee of one, but he told me his boss wasn't in favor of any more steamships muddin' up our beautiful waters. As a last attempt I went across to the big chief of the Songhees, but he made signs that he was afraid it might interfere with the plan of his friend Dhurrie. So I give up, and went and sacrificed me little home so I can go some place where they do things different.

SO LONG.

BRITISH ARMY RESERVES.

To the Editor: It is a mistake to refer to me of the British army reserve as "Old Soldiers." It is also in bad taste and somewhat dangerous to relentlessly insist upon doing so, as there are many hundreds of them in Victoria alone. H. M. S.

FAVORS THE CHINESE.

To the Editor: Now—that the dust from the provincial election has cleared away, the labor problem seems to have again made its appearance upon the horizon. While no practical solution of this momentous question has as yet been put forward, I firmly believe that events will prove that it is very unlikely to procrastinate. Everything points to the fact that the year 1910 will be one of unprecedented prosperity in British Columbia, and if there is a labor shortage, it will be experienced in all its severity.

What with the great number of miles of railway to be constructed in this province, and the numerous commercial enterprises which are slated to come under way, it is absolutely essential that labor should be obtained in abundance. If laborers can not be secured, then the result will most assuredly be disastrous to the interests of the province. The statement made recently in London by Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, that construction on the G.T.P.C. would be accelerated if sufficient labor was available gives us a striking forewarning of what conditions will be next year if a remedy is not applied.

Now where is this labor to come from? The Salvation Army has endeavored to obtain laborers from the Old Country, who would naturally and very properly be preferred, but their good intentions seem to have failed by the wayside. I think that when so charitable and influential a body as the Salvation Army is discouraged with the outlook, it is absurd for any government or corporation to anticipate success.

I, for one, would like to see laborers brought here in large numbers from the British Isles. When I say laborers, I do not include the scum of the cities, but I have reference to the honest, intelligent and industrious Old Country laborer, who, in coming here, is actuated by a desire to better himself and at the same time better local conditions.

Now, as it seems permissible for us to eliminate the Old Country from the discussion, laborers only being procurable there in small numbers, the only place we can look to supply the want is the Orient. From China we have received a large number of emigrants, and I do not think that I will be contradicted in saying that they do their work well. This is easily substantiated by the fact that Chinese domestics are always in demand, and they generally retain their positions until they voluntarily leave.

The era of cheapening labor can not be successfully hurried at the Chinamen, as I know of cases where they are employed at very high wages. Not only as a domestic, but in collieries and on railway construction, is the Chinaman employed, and is given a fair scale of wages.

A great deal of this antipathetic sentiment towards Orientals is ill-conceived prejudice, which can only result in a detrimed manner to the individual cherishing it. I hold, Mr. Editor, that no matter what countries the laborers half from, as long as they discharge the duties assigned to them with energy and ability they are entitled to employment.

I do not desire to appear as the champion of Oriental labor, but I assert that their employment is unavoidable, not in preference to any other, but as a last resort in a case of dire necessity.

I have no hesitation in predicting that, if the present barriers to Oriental immigration are to be expected. But labor is forthcoming from Europe, the year 1910 will be one of disaster to commercial and industrial enterprise in British Columbia.

T. MANSELL, Jr.

Salt Spring Island, B. C., Dec. 13th.

## STORES HERALD CHRISTMASTIDE

The West End Grocery.

The West End Grocery is ready for Christmas in the most real sense of the word. Its readiness does not consist merely in a willingness to sell whatever goods it ordinarily keeps on its shelves. Rather is its state of preparedness the result of careful thought and long planning in advance. Only personal experience in many a previous Christmas campaign could have enabled the manager to provide so adequately for every possible demand of the most exacting and enlightened customer.

It goes without saying that in such a store, with its ample floor space, its unusual storage facilities, its convenient arrangement and its adequate staff of efficient clerks, the everyday needs of the average person will be promptly and satisfactorily filled. It is rather the rarer touches in store management that arrest one here. Where else, for instance, would one look for that last word in the confectioner's art, embodied in crystallized natural fruits? Who that has tasted pineapple, cherries or apricots thus preserved, retaining all their native flavor, will not condescend again to sticky artificial sweets?

By all means, reader, if you are not already a devotee, brighten this Christ-

mas of 1909 and make it memorable as one on which you first closed your teeth on a slice of crystallized pineapple.

FAMILY CASH GROCERY.

The managerial foresight that can, in mid-July take steps to embellish the Christmas board as has been indicated, can well be left to attend to even other detail with equal thoroughness and success. One looks over the crates apples piled tire upon tier in the base-ment with added pride for the capacity of the Victoria public for these, as it is promised, will disappear like the snows of May. For quality these apples could not be surpassed. Hand-picked, individually packed, labeled "Fancy," they are for the man that will have nothing but the best. Then there are Malaga grapes—literally tons of them—selected, not because they were merely grapes, but because they were the largest, juiciest and best. Malaga grapes that money could buy. Also there are—but why attempt a catalogue? Let your Christmas be the merrier for a visit to the West End Grocery on Government street.

Action Brothers.

The development of Yates street, particularly of that portion of it lying between Government and Douglas streets, a development largely due to the bringing of the Fort street cars down this route, has resulted in a great increase in business for many of the firms located on this thoroughfare. The double tracking of Douglas street, and the proposed plan of routing in-bound Government street cars by Douglas and Yates, will undoubtedly result in still further augmenting business activities in this vicinity. Of the firms that have already benefited by the changed conditions, the grocery house of Action Brothers, is one of the most prominent.

While carrying everything needed for the stocking of pantries and cellar with all that is best and freshest in the line of edibles, the firm have made preparations for supplying these needs that arise only this season of the year.

Bombons, chocolates and candies for the Christmas festivities are abundantly stocked, as well as an array of ready-made stockings that will make many a juvenile eye twinkle with delight on the morning of the 25th.

The Capital Furniture Co.

Almost any article of furniture makes an acceptable Christmas present, and no small share of the satisfaction the 25th will bring to Victoria homes will result from the contemplation of comfortable and "handsome" made pieces selected from the big stock of the furniture house so well situated at the corner of Douglas and Fort streets.

Suggestions crowd on the visitor to this store. For ladies there are writing desks; for men Morris chairs, with a miniature line that will delight the children; deep arm chairs for Grandpa; pictures, mirrors, rugs—something, in short, for every member of the family.

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Whatever increase in the value of trade may be induced by the approach

of Christmas, the fully staffed

and well prepared staff will be able to meet the increased demand.

Challoner & Mitchell.

No resident of Victoria can well allow the season of gifts to pass without visiting, or wishing to visit, the superb jeweler's store of Challoner & Mitchell.

When all the innumerable suggestions for Yuletide giving have been sifted and weighed, the favorite gift is usually found in a jewelry store; and when jewelry stocks of all descriptions, whether in this or in larger cities, have been examined, it is hard to believe that a stock excelling in taste or variety that of Victoria's leading jewelers will have been found.

Enthusiasm is pardonable when dealing with a stock so replete with all that is best in the craft of the goldsmith and lapidary,

and therefore the following summing up, in words of the firm's high-priced advertising expert, may be taken as a fair presentation of this store's appeal to the Christmas shopper:

"Giving made easy might appropriately be written as a motto over Chal-

loner & Mitchell's handsome show

rooms on Government street. It is no

small feat to have gathered together

from every part of the civilized world

and from many uncivilized parts,

thousand upon thousands of articles

of jewelry and artistic handicrafts, but

in addition, to have classified and so

arranged every item in such a manner

that the public can, with the greatest

ease, inspect the goods and make

choice of the gifts which they will

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soaps, French perfumes, ebony hair brushes and other articles all eminently suitable for gifts. The name of this establishment is more than ever happy this year in view of the growing prominence of Douglas and Yates streets as business thoroughfares. A store located at the intersection of these busy streets has every right to the name of central, and there is no doubt that at this, the busiest time of the year, Mr. Hall will reap all the advantages that properly belong to an attractive store situated at the heart of things.

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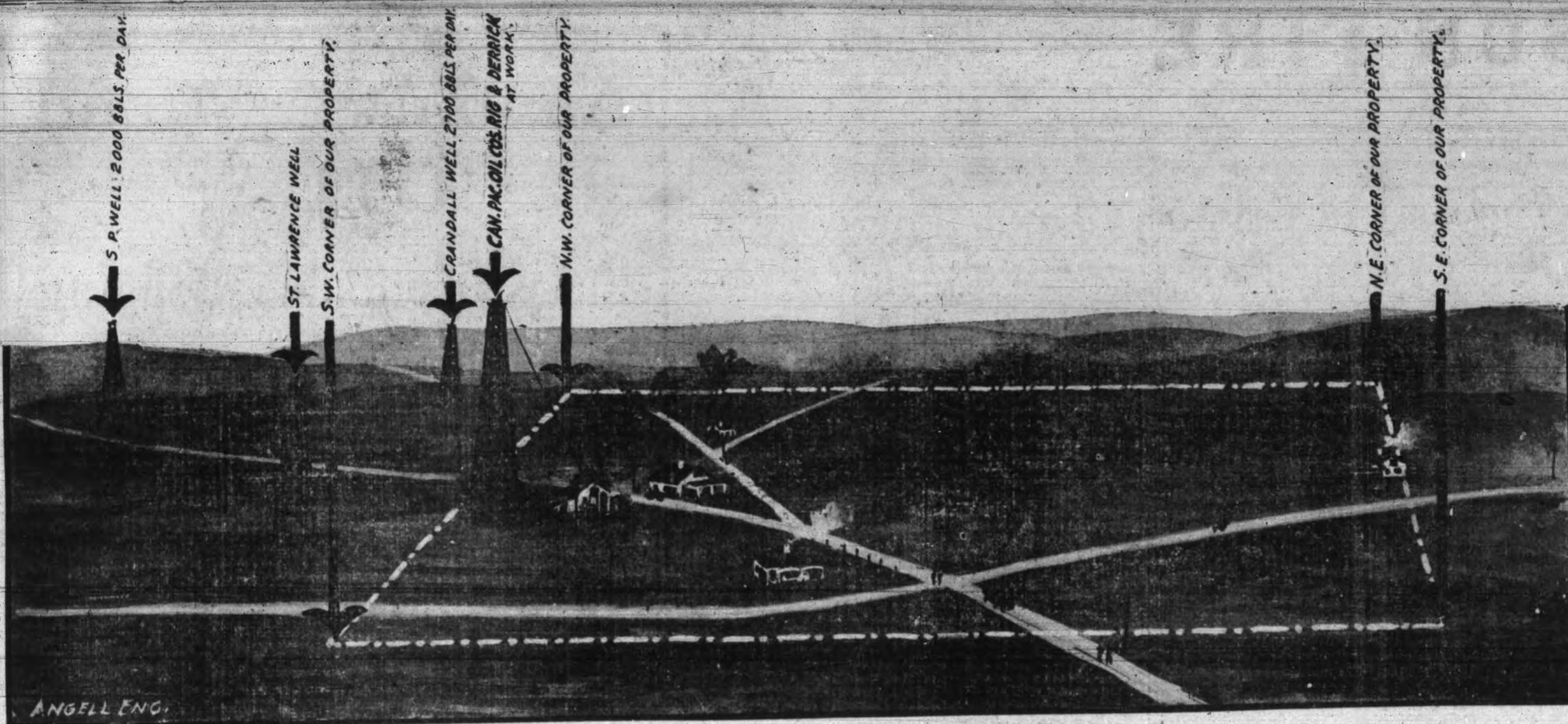
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# BIFF! BING! BANG!

Stock in this company is going like hot tamales on a wintry night. A Durham Bull in a Christmas china-shop is a cute little plaything compared with the havoc the Canadian Pacific Oil Co. of British Columbia, Limited, has wrought in the local speculative world.

When we first appeared on the scene in Vancouver a fortnight back, the old croakers at home, who know all about your business but nothing of their own, chuckled as they chewed their cud and said:

"Back to the woods; this country is oiled to death."

### Wait a Minute!

Ah, ha! It is—well, hold your horses a moment till grandma puts on her specs. Oil is oil, like money, in any country. It has a fixed, standard, staple price, and, as all other commodities of life, is regulated solely by the law of supply and demand.

Oil is 50c per barrel at the well to-day, on time contracts. Some contracts have been made at 55c. It costs 2c per barrel to produce this oil.

If John Smith had a property producing 300 barrels per day, and his neighbor John Brown had 3,000 barrels per day—this is only meant to illustrate the point—you would naturally take an interest in John Brown's property, would you not?

### Some Good—Some Better

With no disparagement toward other oil offerings in this community or elsewhere, we maintain that this is without doubt or hindrance the one best buy. You naturally like to place your money to the best advantage, and when the right thing comes along there is always plenty of money for it.

The stock of the Canadian Pacific Oil Co., of British Columbia, Limited, was placed on the market two weeks ago in Vancouver at 25c per share, the Royal Loan & Trust Co., Limited, acting as fiscal agents. A 250,000 block was all then. Will you believe it when we tell you this stock has practically gone? Some of the smartest people in Vancouver have thoroughly swamped us with their purchases. One man alone—Mr. J. L. Waddell—a conservative real estate man, took approximately 50,000 shares. Together with his friends he is taking another big block.

### Think This Over!

Suffice it to say that before this week has gone the entire first offering will have been consumed. On the heels of this there will be another block offered, but as this is written the indications are it will not be 25c per share.

Now, what we have to offer is this: Forty acres we own outright in the Coalinga, California, district, the world's greatest oil field. This field paid last month \$1,000,000 in dividends. Big wells are all about us. In Coalinga, you know, they drill few dry holes.

Mr. H. H. Blood, the oil expert of this company, a member of the California Stock & Oil Exchange, figuring conservatively, says this property should net the Canadian Pacific Oil Co. of British Columbia, Limited, \$500,000; this is on a basis of 50c per barrel at the well. Already we have the promise of \$1 oil at the well. This land alone then is enough to make the corporation rich.

### Already at Work

Nor is this all. We have begun work on 60 acres of land this company has acquired in the second biggest oil field in the world—Midway, California—and, this property is already under the drill, our work having been begun there on Wednesday of last week. The machinery in place cost this company upwards of \$16,000.

### Under Personal Supervision

Mr. Frank Tuhten, president of the company, is now in California, personally directing our financial operations. Alongside of us, to the west, is the St. Lawrence, flowing 1,000 barrels per day. It is a certainty almost we will get this kind of a well—maybe bigger. This property will stand 30 wells. Figure this up for yourself, on the basis of 30,000 barrels of oil per day at 50c per barrel. It means \$15,000 per day, \$105,000 per week, \$420,000 per month.

Go on down the line into the years, for Coalinga oil wells are as everlasting as time. Then you will have a general idea of what this means.

### What About This?

Up the mountain range this company has 640 acres of prospective, though not proven, oil land. It was drilled 10 years ago by the late Charles L. Fair, who was suddenly killed in an automobile accident on a road outside of Paris. You say this is wild-catting? It's nothing of the sort. Fair drilled 1,150 feet and found his first oil sand. He never got any further, because death prevented. This land has lain dormant ever since. We are going to open up the country. When we prove it to be oil territory you will not be able to buy this stock for love or money.

The Canadian Pacific Oil Co. of British Columbia, Limited, is offering to-day all of these properties thrown into a hopper, making one grand galaxy of assets.

### Money Safe and Certain

For safety, certainty and large returns, there is nothing you ever had put before you like this. The idea is to sell a little of this stock—the first block, 250,000 shares—with the Royal Loan & Trust Company as fiscal agents, at 25c per share. This is to further develop our territory and place this company on a paying basis.

We figure that the company will be on a dividend-paying basis within, possibly, the next few months.

This advertisement will not appear for long. We have already about all the capital we require. When you see this advertisement again you might find shares have gone to 50c, perhaps \$1.00. You can buy them now for 25c.

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### Social and Personal

W. Davis is spending several days in Seattle.

E. V. Bodwell left last night for Vancouver.

Miss Haynes is visiting friends in Vancouver.

Miss Grant of Seattle, is visiting friends in this city.

E. E. Welch was a passenger for the mainland last night.

G. Drysdale was among yesterday's arrivals from Seattle.

W. Meader was among last night's passengers for Seattle.

G. E. Munro and A. G. Thompson left last night for the mainland.

J. S. H. Matson is spending several days in Vancouver on business.

W. O'Neill sailed for Vancouver last night on the Princess Victoria.

A. G. Holt and C. S. Darling were passengers from the Sound yesterday.

F. B. Pemberton went over to Seattle on a business trip last night.

R. Wood, of Seattle, is spending a number of days in this city on business.

Capt. Jones crossed over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McLean were passengers from Seattle yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. H. Millington, after spending a few days in Seattle, returned to this city yesterday.

John Arbuckle, after spending several days in Seattle, arrived back to this city yesterday.

Geo. L. Courtney, who for several days has been in Seattle on business, returned to this city yesterday.

Gordon Halkett will leave to-night for Ottawa where he will spend some time before returning to this city.

R. W. Hodson, live stock commissioner for this province, left last night on the Princess Charlotte for Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Abbott, of Vancouver, who have been spending several days in this city, returned to the Terminal city last night.

H. J. Scott, general manager of the Hamilton Powder Co., returned to this city yesterday after spending several days in Seattle on business.

The marriage of Miss Lillian Lemon Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Watts, is to take place in the Metropolitan Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon, December 29th, at 3 o'clock.

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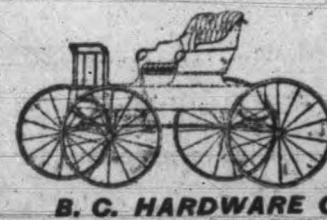
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### KAI SER'S BROTHER CONTRADICTS BLATCHFORD

Prince Henry Characterizes Part of Story as "A Beastly Lie."

London, Dec. 15.—A telegram appeared in the London papers yesterday from Prince Henry of Prussia, dealing with a series of articles, written by the Socialist Blatchford, which are being printed in London.

In these articles, Blatchford declares that Germany is making preparations for war on a large scale, and is building a great navy, which can only be destined for use against England, and includes the statement that officers of the German warships are in the habit of daily drinking the simple toast, "Am Tag," meaning thereby a day attack on England.

Prince Henry's telegram characterizes the last statement as "a beastly lie from beginning to end," and adds: "We honor and respect our British naval brother officers, with whom we are proud of being on friendly terms."

War Secretary Haldane, addressing a political meeting in Scotland Monday night, said he did not think Germany had the least intention of invading Great Britain. The German people, he believed, desired to live well with the British, but he added, "We shall keep our powder dry."

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Even a London tailor who sought trade in Canada, said, "Semi-ready is alright, but it is expensive." It's the latest conspiracy to preach "expensiveness" in trying to curtail the expansiveness of the Semi-ready system. One can buy a Semi-ready winter overcoat for \$15, which is as well tailored as the coat which a journeyman tailor charges \$15 for the making alone. That could hardly be called expensive, for same overcoat costs 3 guineas in London.

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### CONFAGRATION IN CHILI.

Eighteen Blocks Destroyed at Valdivia—Loss Estimated at \$2,500,000.

Santiago, Chili, Dec. 15.—A disastrous fire occurred in the city of Valdivia. Eighteen blocks of buildings were destroyed and thousands are homeless. The loss is estimated at \$2,500,000.

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The best and strongest bill for male and female voice, sings several months, is the verdict of patrons of the New Grand theatre this week, where there are five strong acts as diversified as any bill that has been here.

The Brothers Whitman, wonderful contortionists, head the bill in a splendidly staged scene from the jungle, in which the brothers appear as a frog and an alligator. The opening scene is done with the animal actions and then the head pieces are cast aside and the two perform some astonishing back bending feats that makes the audience believe they are boneless. The act is thrilling in the extreme.

Miss Childress and J. C. Robisch appear in a delightful singing and comic act called "A Strenuous Pupil." The act carries a lot of singing and the pair have splendid voices. The turn meets with approval and several curtain calls.

Gertrude Van Dyke, a singer with a

good reception for her singing of the funny ditty, "The Preacher and the Bear," and there are two moving pictures and the orchestra plays "Wild Cherries," a melodious and well-set ragtime overture.

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